

What to Expect at the SPC Low Vision Clinic:



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Today you have come to have your eyes tested.



The optometrist is a doctor who specializes in low vision. There will also be a Teacher of The Visually Impaired and an Orientation and Mobility Specialist at the Evaluation.

We will ask you questions about how your vision impairment affects how you see things at home and school. We want to know what you have trouble seeing.



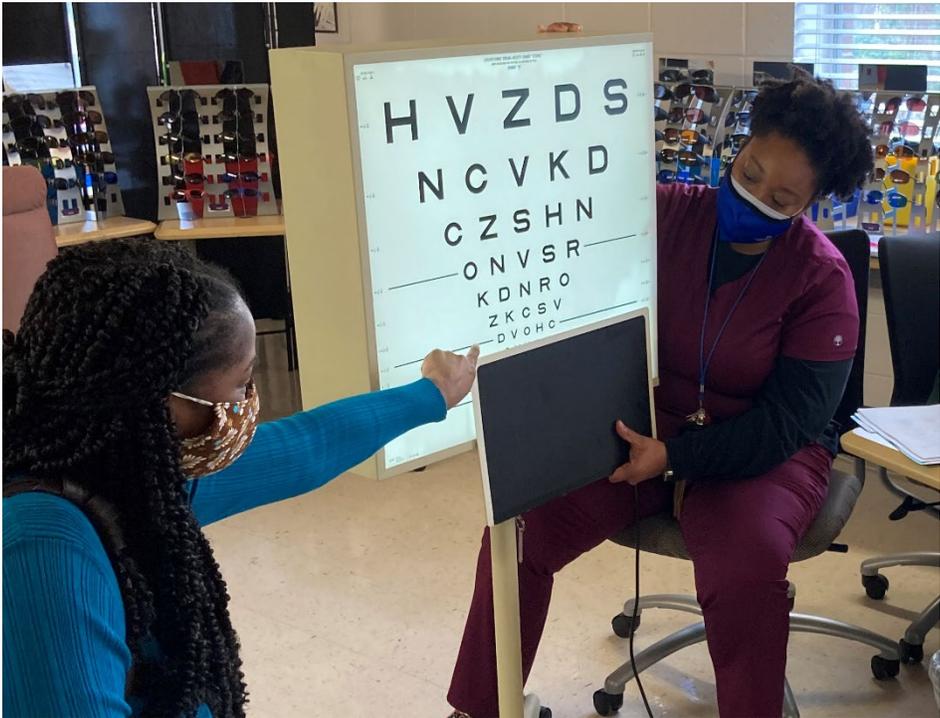
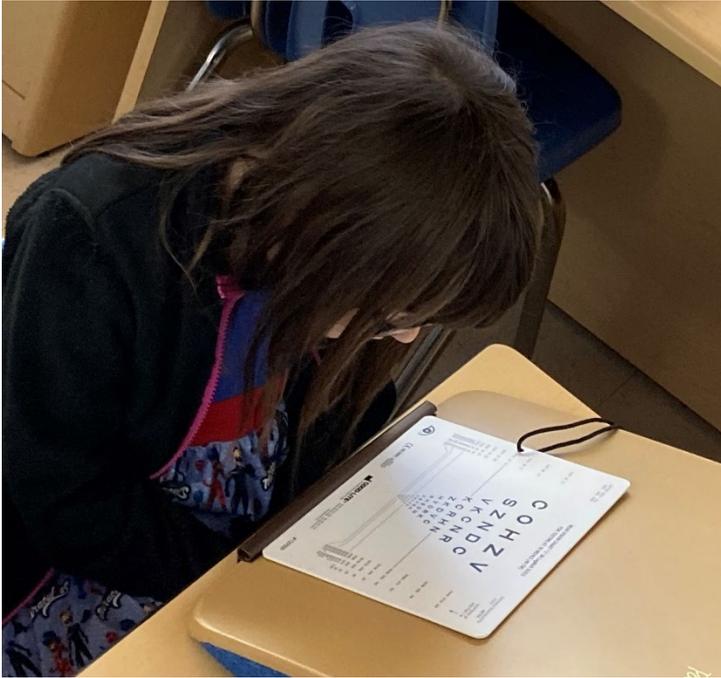
You will be asked to sit in a chair in the clinic area.

Good News! You will not be getting any drops in your eyes today.



You will be asked to briefly cover each of your eyes.

You will then be asked to look at letters, numbers, or pictures on the eye chart or cards and tell the doctor what you see.



You will be asked to read some letters, numbers, or symbols on a chart in the distance. If they are hard to see take your best guess. You may need to use a monocular to read them and that will be fun!



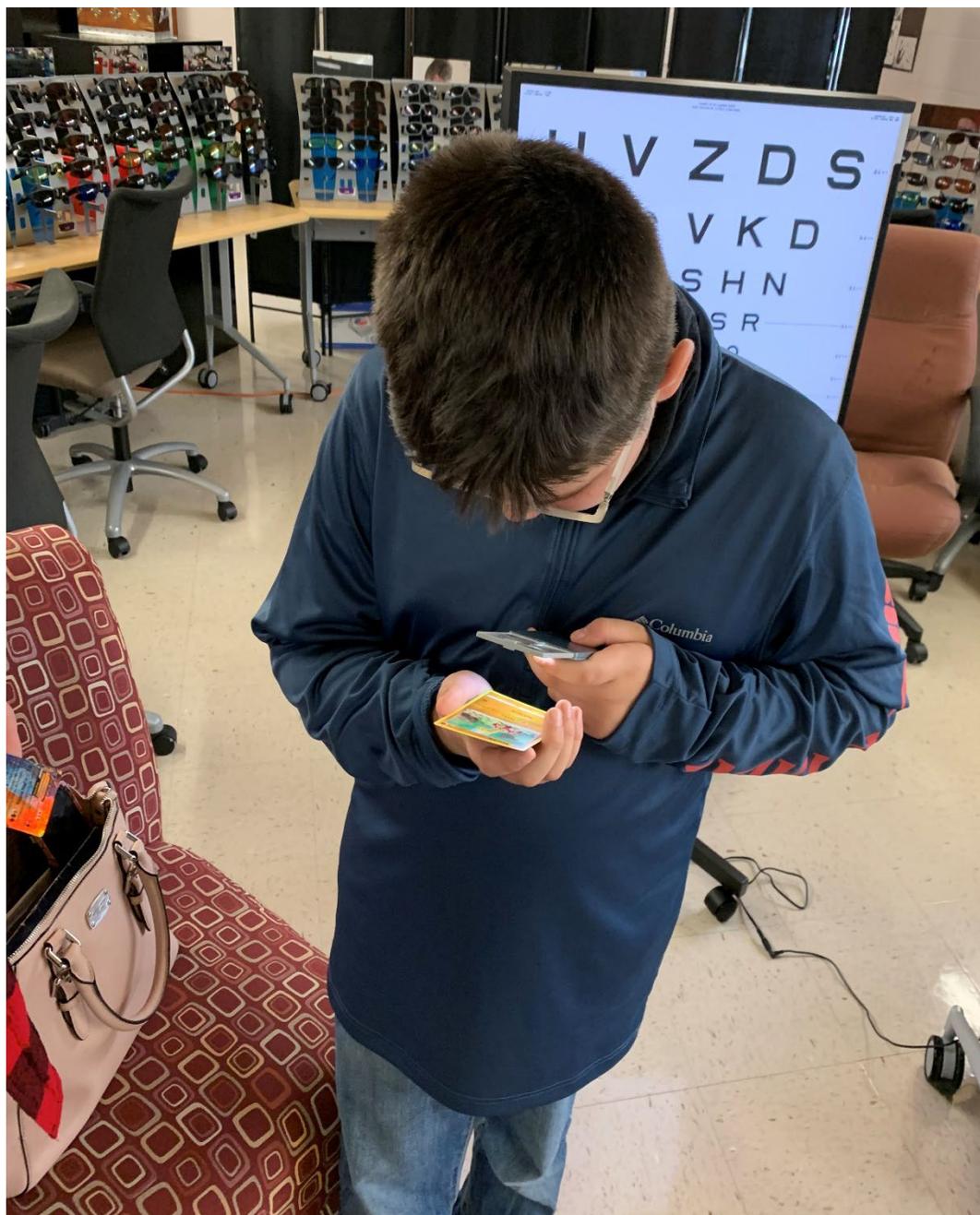
You will be asked to read some letters, numbers, or symbols on a chart up close. Take your best guess, you may use a magnifier to read them and that will be fun too!



You may be asked to try on temporary glasses called a “trial frame.” The doctor will put some lenses in front of your eyes and ask you which one helps you see better.



After each low vision evaluation, you may receive a monocular, magnifier and a pair of sunglasses.



Once the low vision evaluation is complete, you can go home or back to school, with a school excusal note from the Smokey Powell Center.



Your Teacher of the Visually Impaired (TVI) will teach you how to use your device that were issued, but don't forget they belong to you!

Preparing for the Low Vision Evaluation

Your TVI may want to practice with you, by looking through tubes and spotting things in different places.

1. What is the name of my visual impairment
2. Will regular eyeglasses help me see better
3. How will the sunglasses protect my eyes