**Eye Conditions Snippet**

**Condition Name:** Hyperopia (also known as farsightedness)

**Description:** Hyperopia is a vision condition in which distant objects are usually seen clearly, but close objects do not come into proper focus. Farsightedness occurs if your eyeball is too short or the cornea has too little curvature, so light entering your eye is focussed behind the retina. Retinitis Pigmentosa and Microphthalmia are associated with Hyperopia.

**Effects on Vision:** Common effects of farsightedness include difficulty maintaining a clear focus on near objects. As well, students may experience eye strain, fatigue and/or headaches for close work, as well as aching or burning eyes and possible irritability after sustained concentration. Depending on the severity, glasses or contacts may improve vision.

**Educational implications:** Student’s may squint in order to help focus near point objects. Learning may be impacted by reduced or difficulty with concentration. Interaction with others may be affected by lack of ability to recognize facial expressions and body language. Low vision aids and text enlargement may assist with the reading of curricular and instructional materials.