Eye Condition Snippet

**Condition Name:** Retinal Detachment

**Description:** The very fine light sensitive film known as the retina peels away from the back of the eye. This can occur when fluid leaks or collects behind the retina, sometimes as a result of a tear or hole in the retina. There are many conditions which may cause retinal detachment including myopia (because the eye is bigger, and the retina is stretched), an injury to the eye (such as a blow to the head), ROP, Coat’s disease, Marfan’s syndrome, Stickler’s syndrome, Cataract operation, Coloboma - or it may run in families.

**Effects on Vision:** Can result in visual field loss, may have parts of the vision missing while the rest is normal, flashes of light and / or floaters. As long as a Macular area is attached, results of surgery or laser therapy are usually good.

**Educational implications:** Where student has field loss it is important to recognize what part of their vision is missing and avoid placing objects in these areas. Students with tendency to develop retinal detachment should avoid blows to the head in physical activity; if this occurs then parents should be notified immediately.