

**SUBJECT:** Iowa's Child Vision Screening Law

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Did you know that good eye health can help your child be a better learner at school? Early detection (or treatment) of a visual impairment will also help them as they play. According to your kid's school records, there is not a Child Vision Screening Certificate in their file. Which means we need your help to schedule a vision screening as soon as possible.

Since 2015, the State has required students entering kindergarten and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade to provide proof of a Child Vision Screening Certificate to their school. The goal of the Child Vision Screening Law is to improve the eye health of children and your assistance is appreciated.

**About the Child Vision Screening Certificate Form**

- The front of the form can be completed by a doctor, a physician's assistant, an advanced registered nurse practitioner, a nurse, a school nurse, or volunteers with Prevent Blindness Iowa or Iowa KidSight and Lion's Club.
- The back of the form must be completed if your child receives a comprehensive eye exam from an eye doctor or ophthalmologist.

**What to Do If Your Child Has Already Had a Screening**

If your kid had a screening and their school records are not updated to show this, provide proof of the screening as soon as possible.

- Contact the person who provided the screening and ask them to submit the form - or proof of screening - to your child's school nurse.
- If you have proof, send your kid's school nurse:
  - "Other proof of screening," like a copy of your child's most recent physical, if a vision screening was provided, or
  - A letter from your kid's eye doctor with the results of the vision screening, or
  - A copy of the results of an Iowa KidSight/Lion's Club volunteer screening.

Remember, if your child has not had a vision screening, please schedule one as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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For help to translate or understand this, call 1-800-464-9484 (TTY: 711).  
For help scheduling a vision screening, contact your child's school nurse.  
Attachment: Child Vision Screening Certificate Form