

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 3rd 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