



Vision Center at Oyler School

Helping Cincinnati students see their future

The OneSight Vision Center at Oyler School is the first self-sustaining school-based vision center in the United States. Opened since October 2012, the center has focused on serving thousands of Cincinnati public, private and parochial students. Operated by the Cincinnati Health Department, the OneSight Vision Center at Oyler School provides access to comprehensive eye exams, glasses fittings, adjustments and medical eye care for children on government assisted insurance programs (CareSource, Medicaid, Molina, Paramount, UHCCP, Buckeye) or uninsured. The center's staff includes 2 full-time optometrists, 2 ophthalmic technicians, 2 opticians, front desk coordinator and an AmeriCorps team member.

Location: 2121 Hatmaker Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45204

Hours of Operation: 7:30am – 4:00pm

Clinic Contact Numbers: main # 513-363-4195 / fax # 513-363-4192

Clinic Team Members:

Dr. Laura Thiemann- *Optometrist*

Dr. Michaela Minichello – *Optometrist*

Cari Van Pelt – *Office Manager/ Licensed Optician*

Christy Riddell – *Licensed Optician*

Mary Mullins – *Ophthalmic Technician*

Karen McAninch – *Part Time Ophthalmic Technician*

Lou Anderson - *CaseWork Associate/Front Desk Coordinator*

Kim Roberts – *AmeriCorps worker*

Scheduling

Several parameters are looked at to create the schedule based on referrals, students on individual education plans (IEPs), failed vision screenings, annual exams and consents. Transportation and a chaperone are provided for Cincinnati Public Schools to and from the Oyler Vision Center. Lunches are also available at Oyler School for vision exams scheduled over lunch periods for CPS. During Oyler School testing times, the Oyler Vision Center will partner with the nurse/SHA to coordinate packed lunches.

Two schools are scheduled per day (13 students 8:30am-12:00pm/ 10 students 12:30pm-3:00pm). Appointments are available for parents/guardians to bring in their child, especially for young children ages 3-5.

To schedule students for vision exams, **please contact the office at 513-363-4195**

Exams and Eyeglass Fittings

The Oyler Vision Center will dilate eyes for a **primary vision exam**. The dilation opens up the pupil, allowing the doctor to exam the inside health of the eye and determine an accurate prescription. Understand the student may have difficulty seeing afterwards for several hours to one day. Letters and a copy of the prescription will be sent back with the students for the nurse/SHA and the parent/guardian sharing vision exam results. ***Please note: Nurse/SHA please keep the copy of the prescription for your files. Make a copy for the parent/guardian if requested.***

Some students may require a **follow up exam** due to an emergency or results from the primary exam. The Oyler Vision Center will send a reminder email to either share with parent/guardian or to ensure student is added to the next scheduled vision center appointment.

If a student requires **eyeglasses**, glasses are manufactured offsite. Most optical labs will ship eyewear within 2-3 weeks. The Oyler Vision Center will communicate the dispensing schedule with the nurse/SHA. A Licensed Optician will come to the school to dispense the eyewear. This process should only take 3-10 minutes per student.

Broken/Replacement Eyewear

If a student has broken the glasses , **please contact the Oyler Vision Center to determine how to proceed with replacement eyeglass needs**. In the past, the option was to give a OneSight voucher letter to the parent/guardian to obtain free eyewear. At this time, many of the insurances have a replacement benefit. The Oyler Vision Center can determine if benefit can be used or what are the next steps to take.

If benefit has expired, the nurse/SHA can provide a copy of the child's prescription (if it has not expired) for parent/guardian to take to an optical location to purchase a new pair.

Optical locations can be: Sears Optical, Pearle Vision, LensCrafters, Wing Eye Care, Walmart Optical, Thoma & Sutton, EyeMart, America's Best.

Prescription Goggle Program

The **Prescription Goggle Program** (www.playhardgear.com) is available to assist students who are active and/or tend to break glasses often. This program is available for students whose family income is at or below 300% of poverty. It is unique to Ohio and is made possible through a grant from the Ohio Department of Health's Save Our Sight Program (SOS). (This grant also supports the **Ohio Amblyope Registry** and **Realeyes** programs used in the Oyler Vision Center @ Oyler School). *The SOS program is funded through voluntary contributions by Ohio citizens when they renew their vehicle registration each year.*

Ohio Amblyope Registry Program

The **Ohio Amblyope Registry** is the first and only statewide program in the United States designed to serve the needs of children with amblyopia, commonly known as lazy eye, their families and eye doctors. It is a voluntary registration program to increase knowledge about amblyopia, its treatment and prevention. The Ohio Amblyope Registry provides free eye patches for the treatment of amblyopia, free literature about amblyopia and causes, as well as other important services to help families of children with amblyopia. All services provided by the registry are free of charge and restricted to Ohio residents. *(The Ohio Amblyope Registry is part of the **Save Our Sight** program that receives voluntary contributions from the check-off donation box on Ohio license plate renewal forms).*

If a student has been diagnosed with amblyopia and school nurse/SHA need to request patches, email Sarah Montgomery, Program Coordinator (Sarah.Montgomery@nationwidechildrens.org) with the child's first and last name and date of birth. The Ohio Department of Health requires this organization to account for all patches. Expect 1-2 days for delivery.

Referrals to Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center

The Oyler Vision Center partners with Cincinnati Children's Medical Hospital Center (CCHMC) for diagnosis outside the Oyler Vision Center's primary vision care resources. If the Oyler Vision Center determines the student needs to be seen by an ophthalmologist, the Oyler Vision Center will communicate findings with the parent/guardian and notify the school nurse/SHA. It is imperative the parent/guardian follows up and makes an appointment for their child @ CCHMC.

Please note: If a student has been under the vision care of a doctor at CCHMC, continue to keep the vision care at that location.