

Statistically, one-third of students in underserved communities have undiagnosed vision deficits that impact their learning.



VISION TO LEARN CONNECTICUT

# What is Vision To Learn?

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- ❑ Vision To Learn is a national nonprofit that provides mobile school-based vision care program, free of charge to students and families
- ❑ Founded in 2012 in Los Angeles
- ❑ Launched in CT the 2021-22 school year



# Overview



- ❑ Operations in 14 states
- ❑ Serve children in underserved communities
- ❑ Public private partnership
- ❑ By the numbers:
  - ❑ 1.2 million+ vision screenings
  - ❑ 300,000+ eye exams
  - ❑ 250,000+ eyeglasses
- ❑ MOUs with school districts and community organizations to provide services



# Overview cont.

- **Vision Screening:** Licensed optician walks to each class and screens each student using Welch Allyn Spot Screener.

Example: Screening class of 25 = ~10 minutes

- **Eye Exam and Glasses Selection:** Students who fail vision screening and/or already wear glasses are examined by a licensed optometrist on our mobile clinic. Exams are roughly 15 minutes. Students choose their frames from a wide selection.
- **Glasses Dispensing:** Licensed optician returns to fit the glasses, and lost/broken glasses replaced for free for 1 year.



# CT Program

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- ❑ Launched this school year, 2021-22
- ❑ Targeting Alliance Districts to serve students most in need first
- ❑ Partnerships with seven school districts
  - ❑ East Hartford
  - ❑ East Haven
  - ❑ Winchester
  - ❑ Vernon
  - ❑ Manchester
  - ❑ Thompson
  - ❑ Ansonia
- ❑ Opt out basis – opt out forms sent home to parents/guardians



# Documents

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**Opt out forms:** Sent home before vision screenings to each child's family. Completed and returned to school if parent/guardian does not want to receive free vision services. Available in multiple languages.

**Eye exam letter:** Informational document sent home before eye exams to families of children to be examined on mobile clinic. English and Spanish.

**Vision evaluation form:** Provided to each child examined with their results. English and Spanish.

**Referral form:** If student is being referred, they will also receive a referral form with their reason for referral and local providers. English and Spanish.

**Glasses brochure:** Provided to each child receiving glasses with glasses use and care information. English and Spanish.



# Mobile Clinic





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# Vision Screening



# Eye Exams



# Glasses Dispensing

