



Vision Screenings

Vision screenings are mandated by the Illinois Department of Public Health for all Early Childhood, Kindergarten, 2nd and 8th Grade, and Special Education students. Screenings are also done by teacher referral.

- Vision screening services shall be provided annually for:
 - All preschool children 3 years of age (or older) in any public or private educational program or licensed child-care facility.
 - All school children who are in kindergarten, second and eighth grades; in all special education classes; referred by teachers; and transfer students. Vision screening is recommended in grades 4,6,10, and12. Such screening services shall be provided in all public, independent, private, and parochial schools.
- In lieu of the screening services required in subsection (a) of this Section, a completed and signed report form, indicating that an eye examination by an M.D. specializing in diseases of the eye or a licensed optometrist has been administered within the previous 12 months, is acceptable.
- The parent or legal guardian of a student may object to vision screening tests for their children on religious grounds. If a religious objection is made, a written and signed statement from the parent or legal guardian detailing such objections must be presented to the local school authority.

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