POLICY: Health Screening (vision)

It is the policy of Thornton Academy that vision screenings occur annually in accordance with the Maine Department of Education recommendations. Screening consists of identifying any possible visual issues that a student may have, allowing for early intervention and/or treatment to occur.

A. **Vision Screening**

1. Distance vision acuity screening will occur for students in grades seven (7) and nine (9).
2. For those students with glasses, screening should occur with the student wearing glasses.

   Students will be considered to fail the screening if they are unable to identify at least 3 of 5 optotypes on the 20/50 line and/or have a 2-line difference between eyes.

   Students who fail the vision screening will have a letter sent home to their parent/guardian and be provided with a referral form.
3. Vision screening of students outside the grade level required for screening should occur upon referral from teachers or with presentation of signs or symptoms of a problem.

B. **Reporting**: An annual report will be made to the Maine Department of Education on the results of vision screenings, to include the number of students screened by type of health screening, the number of students referred, and the number of referrals returned by disposition.

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