

Visual Acuity Screening Notice:

The governing body of each school corporation or charter school shall annually conduct a visual acuity test to determine the visual acuity for both far and near vision of the following students enrolling in or transferring into:

- Kindergarten or first grade;
- Third grade;
- Fifth grade;
- Eighth grade; or for
- Any student who is suspected of having a visual defect.

In addition to the visual acuity screening conducted by the school corporation or charter school, a more extensive visual screening using the Modified Clinical Technique (MCT) performed by a licensed ophthalmologist or optometrist is required for students in kindergarten or first grade.

These screenings will take place annually in the fall.

Students to be screened:

1. All students in kindergarten or first, third, fifth, and eighth grade. 2. Any student specifically referred due to suspicion of visual difficulty. 3. If a student has written documentation by an optometrist, ophthalmologist, or healthcare provider stating blindness in one eye, the non-affected eye should be screened, and parents notified of the results of the non-affected eye.

Students not to be screened:

1. Any student that has written documentation by an optometrist, ophthalmologist, or healthcare provider stating blindness exists in both eyes or otherwise exempting the student from screening. Appropriate school personnel must be notified of any student with blindness.
2. No student should be required to submit to vision screening if a written objection by the parent/guardian is submitted to the proper school authority.

Notify the nurse in your building by September 1st if objecting to Visual Acuity Screening.

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