

ACCA Annual Vision Screenings

Who Should Be Screened?

School-aged children must be screened in grades: Kindergarten, first, third, fifth, seventh, ninth and eleventh.

By November 1, a student enrolled for the first time in either kindergarten or first grade must be given a vision screening in accordance with the requirements set forth by ODH in R.C. section 3313.673

In addition, the following school children should be screened annually or upon occurrence:

- Children new to the school with no previously documented vision screening.**
- Children referred by a teacher or other school personnel.**
- Children absent during the previous vision screening.**
- Children whose parent/guardian request a vision screening.**

Children Who Should Not be Included In The School Vision Screening Program **Untestable:**

Children who are unable or refuse to complete screening are considered untestable. Children with cognitive, physical or behavioral issues likely to preclude rescreening are to be referred directly for a comprehensive eye exam. These children are more likely to have vision problems than testable children and thus should be referred. Utilize the School Vision Screening Referral letter

Initially Known Diagnosed and Reported Disorders:

Children should be referred directly for a comprehensive eye exam if the screener is aware of reported disorders such as ADHD, Autism Spectrum Disorder, Communication Disorders, Intellectual Disabilities, Language Disorders, Motor Disorders, hearing impairment, motor abnormalities such as cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, cognitive impairment, children with systemic diseases or using medications known to cause eye disorders, those with a family history of a first-degree relative with strabismus or amblyopia, and children born prematurely at less than 32 completed weeks of gestation.

Parent/Guardians Refusal:

If parent/guardian does not wish for his/her child's vision to be screened, the school must have a written letter of refusal for every required year of screening in child's health record from parent/guardian.

Eye Exam Reported:

For children who should not be included in the school vision screening program, the appropriate referral and follow up with parent/guardian is important to ensure the child is under the care of a primary care provider, Optometrist, or Ophthalmologist. Record of a current (within the last 12 months) vision exam should be in the child's file. Utilize the Eye Specialist Report Form (Form J). • Pediatrician Screening Reported: For children who have seen their pediatrician you may exclude them if they provide the completed Pediatric Screening form (Form K). Form K must be submitted in order to exclude a child from the vision screening program based on a pediatrician's recommendation. If not received, the child should be screened by the vision screening program.