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Dear Parent/Guardian of incoming Kindergarteners and Third Graders,

Why Is It Important For My Child To Have a Vision Screening?

- **It's the law!** The state of Iowa requires vision screenings for all students entering Kindergarten and again when entering 3rd grade.
- Experts estimate that 80% of learning occurs through our vision, so vision exams can help prevent future learning problems.
- Children often do not complain of a vision problem because they have always seen things a certain way and don't realize there is a problem.

As your child looks forward to the next school year, the Iowa Department of Public Health has issued a new vision screening law that will impact you as a parent. **A parent or guardian of a child who is to be enrolled in a public or accredited nonpublic elementary school shall ensure the child is screened for vision impairment at least once before enrollment in Kindergarten and again before enrollment in the third grade.**

To be valid, a minimum of one child vision screening shall be performed no earlier than one year prior to the date of enrollment, and no later than six months after the date of child's enrollment into both the Kindergarten and third grade.

Although a comprehensive eye examination by an ophthalmologist or optometrist meets the requirement of vision screening, it is also **highly recommended but not required for Kindergarteners** to have a full comprehensive exam.

Please **RETURN** the completed, signed and dated Certificate of Vision Screening form to the school by the start of the school year. The form is attached to this letter.

Who Can Perform the Vision Screening?

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| Your doctor | A public or Accredited Nonpublic School |
| An Eye Doctor | A Community –Based Organization |
| An Advanced Nurse Practitioner | A free clinic |
| A Physician's Assistant | A Child Care Center |
| The Local Public Health Department | |

Annual vision screenings will be done at school in the fall. **Note: This is not an eye exam.** Iowa Vision Screening forms would be completed then.

If you have any questions contact Jolene Bagge BSN, RN

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**Iowa Department of Public Health
CERTIFICATE OF VISION SCREENING
RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO CHILD'S SCHOOL.**

Student Information (please print)

Student Last Name:	Student First Name:	Birth Date (M/D/YYYY):
Parent/Guardian Telephone Number:	Student Address:	
Zip Code:		

Screening Information (vision screening provider must complete this section *or parents may attach a copy of vision screening results given to them by a provider.*)

Date of Vision Screening: _____	
Results (visual acuity):	
Right Eye _____	Left Eye _____
Overall Result (Please select one):	Referral to eye health professional (Please select one):
Pass or Fail	Yes or No

Screening Provider: _____

Provider Business Name/Source of Screening: (please print) _____

Provider Name: (please print) _____ Phone: _____

Signature and Credentials of Provider: _____ Date: _____

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To be valid, a minimum of one child vision screening shall be performed no earlier than one year prior to the date of enrollment in Kindergarten and no later than six months after the date of the child's enrollment in Kindergarten.

To be valid, a minimum of one child vision screening shall be performed no earlier than one year prior to the date of enrollment in 3rd grade and no later than six months after the date of the child's enrollment in 3rd grade.

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