



## Iowa Department of Public Health Child Vision Screening

1. Parents or guardians need to make sure their child has a vision screening at least once before starting kindergarten and again before starting 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade.
2. Kindergarten Screenings: A screening will be counted if it is done no earlier than 1 year before and no later than 6 months after school starts.
3. 3rd Grade Screenings: A screening will be counted if it is done no earlier than 1 year before and no later than 6 months after school starts.
4. The requirement for a child vision screening will count by any of the following:
  - a. A vision screening or comprehensive eye exam by an eye doctor (ophthalmologist or optometrist).
  - b. A vision screening conducted at a doctor's office, a free clinic, a child care center, a local public health department, a public or accredited nonpublic school, or a community-based organization or by an advanced registered nurse practitioner or physician assistant.
  - c. A vision screening done by Prevent Blindness Iowa volunteers or Iowa KidSight and Lion's Club Volunteers.
5. The child vision screening requirement does not apply if the child vision screening conflicts with a parent's or guardian's genuine and sincere religious belief.
6. A child will not be withheld from school because a parent or guardian did not provide proof that the child received a vision screening.

***Please direct questions regarding vision screening to  
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