



**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:  
Iowa Department of Public Health - Bureau of Family Health  
321 E 12th Street - Des Moines, IA 50319  
FAX 515-725-1760 - Phone 800-383-3826***

**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 _____
<b>Overall Result (Please select one):</b>	<b>Referral to eye health professional (Please select one):</b>
Pass or Fail	Yes or No
<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/> <input type="radio"/>

**Screening Provider:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

Provider Name: (please print) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature and Credentials of Provider: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 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 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and no later than six months after the date of the child's enrollment in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

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