

Notification of Vision Screening

July, 2014

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Your child, if in grades pre-K, K, 1, 3, 5, or 7, may be given a vision screening during this school year. Screenings are also performed per parent's request, and/or teacher referral.

Before screening is conducted, state law requires parents be informed that VISION SCREENING IS NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR AN EYE EXAMINATION BY AN EYE CARE SPECIALIST.

Vision screenings may take place at any point during the school year. Every attempt is made to have student vision screenings completed within 60 days from the start of the school year. Several methods for vision screenings are state approved and available for student screening. Either of the following methods may be used to screen your child: Distance Vision Charts and Photo Screening. School screenings are coordinated by the District Nurses who may use trained parent volunteers and school staff to assist.

You will receive a referral letter if your child fails the screening. However, even if your child passes, it is important that your child see any eye care specialist once a year. School vision screening does not evaluate eye health and cannot uncover important vision problems or prescribe treatment. Vision referral information, on children age 8 and under, will be reported to the Utah State Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired as stated in Utah Law 53A-11-203.

Because academic learning is 80% visual, and visual problems are best detected and treated early, a comprehensive eye and vision examination is recommended. Healthy eyes and good vision are essential for success in school.

Please provide the school with written notification if you DO NOT want your child to participate in the screening program.

If you have questions or would like to volunteer to assist with vision screenings, please contact the District Nurse Office at 752-3925, your school's Health Coordinator Volunteer, or your School's Principal.