

REPORT OF VISION EVALUATION

Health Services Department Lincoln Public Schools

Please Return this form to your child's school health office.

Nebraska State Statute requires students entering kindergarten (or first grade, if not enrolled in kindergarten) to provide evidence of vision evaluation within six months prior to entry. This requirement also applies to out-of-state transfers to any grade.

The evaluation may be performed by a physician, physician assistant, advanced practice registered nurse, or vision professional (optometrist or ophthalmologist).

Children are exempt from this requirement when the parent/guardian provides a written statement of objection. For more information about the vision requirement, including the availability of resources for low-income families, please contact the school nurse in your child's school, or the district health services office at 402-436-1655.

Name: _____ ID#: _____

Examiner: _____ Date: _____

ALL OF THE FOLLOWING MUST BE COMPLETED TO MEET NEBRASKA STATUTE REQUIREMENTS:

	PASS	FAIL	RECOMMEND FURTHER EVALUATION (see comments below)
Amblyopia	_____	_____	_____
Strabismus	_____	_____	_____
Internal Eye Health	_____	_____	_____
External Eye Health	_____	_____	_____
Visual Acuity	_____	_____	_____
20 feet	Right 20/ _____	Left 20/ _____	with/without glasses
16 inches	Right 20/ _____	Left 20/ _____	with/without glasses

COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS:

Examiners Signature

Date



Resources for Low-Income Families Who May Qualify for Free or Reduced-Cost Vision Evaluations

1. **Insurance coverages** - Many insurance companies cover the cost of an eye exam (Blue Cross/Blue Shield, United Health Care, Coventry, Vision Service Plan, Spectera, etc.). Check with the company as to details of vision care coverage.
2. **Employer-based options** - Parents with cafeteria plans, Medical Savings Accounts, Health Savings Accounts, or other flexible spending plans through employers can typically use these accounts to pay for vision exams.
3. **Medicaid and Kids Connection** - Office visits, eye exams and glasses are covered. Local social service offices have details as to eligibility.
4. **SIGHT FOR STUDENTS** - Provides free exam, discounted eyewear for eligible students from participating optometrists. Check website for details: www.sightforstudents.org. School nurses may also have vouchers.
5. **Lions Clubs of Nebraska** - Clubs located throughout the state provide vision care assistance for needy families. Usually involves referral by teacher, clergy or health professional. Contact local clubs for details.
6. **Community health centers and services** - Community health centers and community-based health services throughout the state can provide free eye exams for low income families that qualify, or coordinate the availability of reduced-cost services. Check with local social service agencies for options near you.
7. **Discount plans from health care providers** - Many optometrists and other health care providers offer family discounts, package pricing on children's eyewear, and other in-office discounts. Check with local providers for options.
8. **Vision USA** - Low income families with working parent and no vision insurance may qualify for free exams from participating optometrists. Call 1-800-766-4466 or check the Nebraska Optometric Association website- <http://nebraska.aoa.org/visionusa.xml> for eligibility guidelines and information about scheduling appointments. There is also a Spanish version of the Vision USA application - nebraska.aoa.org/documents/VISIONUSAApSpanish.doc.
9. **SEE TO LEARN®** - A free vision assessment for your three-year old is provided by a participating Eye Care Council eye care professional. SEE TO LEARN® is a preventative health program designed to ensure that kindergarten children entering school can see to learn. This program also educates parents and teachers about the warning signs of vision problems in all school-age children. For participating doctors, call 1-800-960-EYES or visit <http://www.seetolearn.com/see-to-learn.html>.
10. **InfantSEE®** - InfantSEE® is a public health program designed to ensure that eye and vision care becomes an integral part of infant wellness care to improve a child's quality of life. Under this program, an American Optometric Association member optometrist will provide a comprehensive infant eye assessment within the first year of life as a no cost public health service. For participating doctors, call 888-396-EYES or go to www.infantsee.org.
11. **New Eyes for the Needy** - New Eyes for the Needy purchases new eyeglasses for poor children and adults in the United States and recycles donated glasses for distribution to indigent people in developing nations worldwide - www.neweyesforthenedy.org.