

Date: _____

School: _____

To: Site Administrator and 1st/4th/7th grade teacher or referring teacher



The following students did not pass the mandated vision screening that was conducted on _____.

What is a Vision Screening?

One out of four students between 5 and 12 years old has a vision problem which may adversely affect the child's academic performance, health and wellbeing. A school vision screening is one tool to assist in detecting vision problems. School screenings are done by optometrists or school nurses and are an excellent way to get a quick overview of the eye. They do not, however, replace a comprehensive eye exam by an eye specialist. Even if a student passes a school vision screening, a professional eye examination is warranted if the child is having difficulty seeing in the classroom,.

What does a failed vision screening indicate?

A failed vision screening indicates a need for further assessment by an eye specialist. A failed screening is not a confirmed diagnosis of an eye or vision problem.

What will be done to follow-up?

1. Referrals are being prepared by the Health Worker (PreK/Elementary) or School Nurse (middle grades) and will be given to your school site for mailing to the students' parents/caregivers.
2. In 4-6 weeks, second notice referrals will be prepared for those students who did not respond to the first referral. These referrals will be given to your site for mailing.

What can teachers, administrators, and other staff do?

- Until we get the results of the full eye exam, please provide preferential seating.
- When speaking to the parent/caregiver, please mention the importance of the follow-up eye exam. Resources for free and low cost eye exams are included in the referral. We have included these resources here for your reference.

Thank you!