



VISION SERVICES

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FOR PARENTS

Healthy eyes and vision are a critical part of child's development. Children's eyes should be examined regularly, as many vision problems and eye disorders can be detected and treated early. Recognizing the connection between vision and success in school, Chicago Public Schools offers students vision examinations and access to glasses if needed.

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF MY CHILD RECEIVES A VISION REFERRAL FOR FAILING THE VISION SCREENING AT YOUR SCHOOL?

- » Reach out to your school to find out when vision examination services are scheduled.
- » Complete and return the vision consent form provided by your school.
- » Contact the IEI Vision Clinic at Princeton to make an individual appointment. Call 312.949.7990 or walk-in from 8:30-9:30 a.m., M-F.

HOW CAN I TELL IF MY CHILD IS HAVING TROUBLE SEEING?

There are a few telltale signs to look for when considering your child for an eye exam:

- » squinting
- » excessive tearing
- » tilting the head
- » rubbing eyes
- » sitting too close to the television
- » finger pointing while reading
- » losing place while reading
- » light sensitivity
- » covering one eye to read or watch television
- » frequent headaches

WHAT VISION SERVICES DO YOU OFFER?

The CPS Vision Program offers a few different forms of vision services to students in partnership with schools. Your school can tell you which program they will be working with this year. Below is a menu of services:

- » IEI Vision Clinic at Princeton
- » Vouchers
- » School Based Vision program

70% *of learning for children is processed visually.*

VISION EXAMS ARE REQUIRED FOR STUDENTS:

- Entering kindergarten
- Entering Illinois schools for the first time at any grade level

VISION EXAMS ARE RECOMMENDED FOR STUDENTS WHO:

- Fail the vision screening
- Require an Individualized Education Program (IEP)
- The teacher suggests based on classroom observation
- Experience squinting, tilting the head, sitting too close to the television, losing place while reading, rubbing eyes, excessive tearing or headaches

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