

Why Screen??

COLORADO LIONS CLUB KIDSIGHT

VISION PROGRAM-FREE Vision Screening for Children



WHO: Children as young as 6 months or older. Even if your child was screened last year, children should be screened once a year.

WHAT: Vision screening for problems that could cause “Lazy Eye” and other vision problems.

WHY: 1 out of 11 children screened in Colorado through the KidSight program are referred for potential vision problems that could cause permanent vision loss if left untreated. Vision is important to your child's learning.

WHERE: At school as part of their regular day.

WHAT TO DO: Complete and sign the consent form and return to the school.

WHAT HAPPENS: Your child is tested, which is very quick (typically 30 seconds or less). No physical contact is made with your child, and no eye drops or medications are used.

AFTER SCREENING: If the test shows your child needs to be seen by an eye doctor, you will be contacted by the school and provided the screening results and additional information from the Lions Club.

Seven Benefits of Potential Early Detection of Vision Issues in Your Child

1. **Supports Academic Success:** Clear vision is crucial for learning. If your child struggles to see the board, read books, or focus on assignments, it can affect their performance in school. Early detection of vision problems ensures they get the help they need, like glasses or other treatments, to succeed academically and build confidence in their abilities.
2. **Promotes Social Engagement:** Vision problems can make it hard for your child to recognize faces, read expressions, or fully engage with friends. By identifying and treating vision issues early, you can help your child interact more comfortably with peers, fostering better friendships and social development.
3. **Prevents Long-Term Vision Damage:** Some eye conditions, such as amblyopia (lazy eye) or strabismus (crossed eyes), can lead to permanent vision loss if not treated early. Regular eye check-ups can catch these issues before they become more serious, ensuring your child's vision stays healthy for life.
4. **Boosts Self-Esteem:** Children with untreated vision problems may feel frustrated or embarrassed by their difficulties, whether it's not seeing the board clearly or struggling to keep up with their classmates. Correcting these issues can help them feel more confident, both in and out of the classroom.
5. **Enhances Physical Development:** Good vision is key to developing motor skills, whether it's catching a ball, riding a bike, or simply navigating the playground. Early detection of vision problems means your child can participate fully in physical activities, helping them develop coordination and confidence in their abilities.
6. **Improves Overall Quality of Life:** When your child sees well, they can explore their world more fully, enjoy new experiences, and learn new skills with ease. Early detection and treatment of vision issues contribute to a happier, more active, and fulfilling childhood.
7. **Saves Money and Stress in the Long Run:** Catching and treating vision problems early can prevent the need for more complicated and expensive treatments later. Regular vision screenings are a simple, cost-effective way to protect your child's eyesight and avoid potential stress down the road.