Frequently Asked Questions for Vision Screening

If you have a question not listed please email Sheronda.whitner@odh.ohio.gov, ODH Vision Consultant or call 614-644-0139

Equipment

Our district does not have funding for vison screening equipment is there free equipment or a or school could apply for?

To obtain current free preschool, Kindergarten and First Grade material you can attend a Prevent Blindness Training funded by Save our Sight. There you will receive (ONE set of equipment which includes the 5ft VIP Lea for screening visual acuity and the PASS2 for screening stereopsis, and 1 Color Vision Booklet)
You need to register using this link: https://www.wiseabouteyes.org/copy-of-trainings-1

To obtain current free school age vision screening equipment use the link below. Supplies are limited and will be filled on a first come basis. If supplies are depleted ODH maintain a database and items will be shipped when additional supplies are received.
Used Equipment request link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9C7GPVB
Please be aware that ODH will keep a list of all request and ship items as they are donated.

Kroger Community Grants Program Use link below to apply
https://www.communitygifts.com/Default.aspx

Walmart Community grants Program use the link below to apply

http://giving.walmart.com/walmart-foundation/community-grant-program

The Vision Guidelines indicated the Suresight Vision Screener as an approved Option for Screening. Where can these be purchased at?

The Suresight Vision screener can be purchased online if you need additional help with purchasing please contact the ODH Vision Consultant.

The guidelines indicate that a paddle occluder cannot be used for students under the age of 10, is this correct?

Yes, the paddle occluder cannot be used for students under the age of 10. This is correct.

Does the Retinomax measure distance vision AND stereopsis? Or just distance?

The Retinomax is only approved for distance visual acuity despite what additional test the unit can perform.

I was interested in borrowing a Titmus screener for the 2018-2019 school year, beginning in August. I was wondering if you have one to loan, or another electronic screener available?

ODH does not Loan out electronic vision screeners. We do have Equipment Loans for charts.

I was informed that I could use the Spot Vision Screener is it approved?

The Spot Vision screening unit is <u>not approved</u> for use in school across Ohio. The Ad Hoc Vision Advisory Committee at the Ohio Department of Health, reviewed several articles regarding the Spot Unit. If you would like the journal articles that the committee reviewed to make this determination please email the ODH Public Health Vision Consultant to request the articles.

Is the Plus Optic eye screener- approved for vision screening students?

The Plus Optix Vision screening unit is <u>not approved</u> for use in school across Ohio. The Ad Hoc Vision Advisory Committee at the Ohio Department of Health, reviewed several articles regarding the Plus Optix Unit. If you would like the journal articles that the committee reviewed to make this determination please email the ODH Public Health Vision Consultant to request the articles.

Can the Snellen chart in the light box still be used for vision screening?

No, the Snellen chart is no longer approved. The approved chart is listed in the vision screening guideline with pictures.

I am having trouble locating the Color Vision Testing Made Easy book do you know where to find one?

At Amcon The Eye Supply Center their number is 1-800-255-6161. The stock number is SC-8558. Also, the Good-lite Color Check Complete is approved.

I would like to purchase new supplies who should I contact?

Feel free to contact the ODH Vision Consultant if you have any questions about where or what to purchase.

Follow Up

My school has trouble with follow up. Is there an entity that comes to the school to assist?

The OOA has a charitable foundation that operates the In-School Eye Exam (iSEE) program staffed by a team of volunteer optometrists several times during each school year. The program provides free eye exams and corrective glasses for children in need who have been prescreened. I have copied Steve Dorman from our office who works with the foundation board to administer the program. Here is additional information about iSEE for your review: https://ohiooptometricfoundation.org/programs/isee/   contact the Foundation for potential opportunities in your county.

General

My school or childcare center did not get a copy of the revised guidelines. Can I be mailed one?

Yes please email the ODH Public Health Vision Consultant and you can request a copy of the 2017 Vision Screening Guidelines.

We received a letter today addressed to School Principal along with the Vision Requirements and Guidelines for Preschool and School-Aged Children 2017.Can you please remove our agency from your mailing list.

The 2017 Vision Guidelines were mailed based on the Ohio Department of Education agencies listed as school or preschool. Please contact them to update their record as to what type of agency you are.

Language-Training

I informed the nurses in the district but we are interpreting "trained by ODH" in different ways. Do parent or "unlicensed personal" volunteering for screening need to be trained by ODH or an ODH trained individual?

There will be multiple ways to receive that training.

Schools and other healthcare personnel will be able to view the online training (OhioTrain.com) of the revised guidelines, expected before the August 2018 start of school.

Vision Forms

We do not have Microsoft Word in our district we use google Docs can we update our form?

Yes, please do update your form accordingly and email to ODH for approval.

To follow the Vision Guidelines, we need to use the Vision Screening Tracking Forms. Is there a way to make it easier than writing each student's name on the form?

Yes, please email the ODH Public Health Vision Consultant and request the Excel version of the Vision Screening Tracking Forms.

I e-mailed parents in January to follow-up with the few students that failed. Some I have heard back from, others I have not. What do I do at this point? I'm new to school nursing :) And for those parents that have responded with, "My child now wears glasses," or, "The doctor said my child's vision was fine," for example, is that good enough on our end? Or do I need documentation from the doctor's office?

The guidelines which were recently released state you need written communication. We defined that as the Eye Care Specialist Report form the Eye Dr. Use the link below it is page 103. Also, when you are completing the vision survey online the Eye Care Specialist report is your referral completed also.

I am trying to find the referral forms and I am not finding them on the ODH website?

The referral forms are in the 2017 Vision Guidelines only currently. They are on the ODH webpage.

I have talked to my district representatives concerning keeping the Vision screening record on every student we've screened on your ODH form. We use DASL to record all of our vision screening results and would have to do significant work in order to be able to dump all of our data into an excel spread sheet that is specific to ODH. Our district would like to know the specific law (ORC#) that requires this information be specifically reported on the ODH form before they do the work to allow the data to be dumped on your specific excel spreadsheet.

Ohio Revised Code 3313.50. Record of tests; statistical data; individual records. Boards of education and boards of health making tests for determining defects in hearing and vision in school children shall keep an accurate record of such tests and of measures taken to correct such hearing and visual defects. This record shall be kept on a form to be prescribed and furnished or approved by the director of health. Statistical data from such records shall be made available to official state and local health, education, and human services departments and

<u>agencies.</u> Individual records shall be made available to such departments and agencies only in cases where there is evidence that no measures have been taken to correct defects determined by such tests, provided that such records shall be made available to school authorities where they are deemed essential in establishing special education facilities for children with hearing and visual defects.

Vision Letters

Will ODH Vision Letters be translated to Spanish?

Yes, ODH will have the Vision Letter in Spanish when they are done they will be placed on the ODH webpage.

Update as of 10.1.19 all the forms are updated in multiple languages on the ODH webpage.

Can I get the Word versions of the Vision forms, so they can be personalized for our District?

Yes please email the ODH Public Health Vision Consultant and you can request Word Versions of all vision letters.

Vision Reporting

Can I put my district schools on one form?

No, all schools must be reported separately. Each school must have their own survey even if multiple schools are in the same location. (Same address for middle school and elementary school). ODH uses Ohio Department of Education school data. Their list is based on individual school IRN Numbers and that is why each school must report separately.

I am a school that does not employee a school nurse, so we don't screen children am I required to report?

Yes all schools are required to report the survey has an option that state "I did not screen any students" please select this choice.

I hit the back button while submitting in my screening data and was kicked out of the survey can ODH help retrieve the lost data?

Please do not use the back button it will lead you to a screen that states the page is broken and the data you entered will need to be reentered.

When answering the question: Who is primarily responsible for providing the initial vision screening for children enrolled in this school building during this school year? I don't see Licensed School Nurse what should I select other? There are six options when imputing.

This group has 5 options for people to select from. Below are categories and examples for who groups should be listed in each category.

RN or Registered Nurse - CCSD School Nurses, School Nurse, Licensed School Nurse, and Nursing instructors.

Other Licensed Healthcare Providers- LPN, Optometrist, Ophthalmologist, Medical Assistant, School Psychologist, and Occupational Therapist.

Health Aide- Clinic aide

Volunteers- Students, One Sight Vision, Lions Club, and Family Advocates, etc.

Early Childhood Educators- Head Start, WIC, Home Visitor, and Family Advocate.

Other School Personnel- Certified Prevent Blindness Screeners, teacher, vision screening administrator, paraprofessional, teacher administrator, data technician, care coordination, lead intervention specialist, and administrative assistant.

I'm a School Nurse of a building with Pre-K through First grade students, however our Pre-K students are only housed in our building. They are students of our county's ESC. Am I responsible for reporting their screenings, or would that also need to be reported as ESC data?

The ESC is the school who should report the vision screening.

How should IEP screening for vision be reported?

ODH needs to know about screenings completed at the request of a parent and/or teacher. We do not need you to report on the IEP only screenings.

Our school tracking system does not separate our screenings by "reason", as we have never categorized them in that way (i.e. Reportable vs. non-reportable). Can we report IEP screenings along with the others?

Yes, please indicate in the comments sections of the vision survey that your IEP screenings were not separated because you do not separate them form your other screenings.

I know the required grades are (PK, K, 1,3,5,7,9 and 11) but I screened several 8th grade students who were new to the school. Should I report them?

Yes, report all screenings preformed that are not part of the IEP process. The survey will allow for reporting of students in all grades.

I have a quick question about the survey monkey and reporting our year end vision screening information. When I opened the survey, I read the top paragraph that stated: please complete one survey per school, not per district. I would like to clarify what that means.

As stated, the survey is for each school to report separately due to the IRN number being specific to a location.

Our schools have multiple people who are trained by the Save Our Sight Program how should reporting be done?

If there are multiple screeners they should report individually, because if each screener does not report they will be instructed to return the equipment since ODH will not be able to identify students that were screened with the equipment.

Why do I need to report using the IRN number?

This information is for schools, who have a school IRN identification number. This assist ODH in determining which report and schools have reported and which schools have not reported.

Vision Screening

I received the new 2017 Vision Screening Requirements and noticed that muscle balance is no longer required?

You are correct the Muscle Balance Test is no longer required for school screening in Ohio.

Is it all right for me to screen the students in grade 10 who will be attending a technical school next year? I work between 3 schools in my district. It would be more convenient for me to screen these students next month instead of going to their technical school next year.

Yes, please email the ODH Public Health Vision Consultant and you can request a grade change. Please keep in mind you must do this with every guideline change. In the email please include the high school that will be affected by your request.

When do I start screening 11th grade and reporting my results to ODH.

Both 11th grade screening and reporting are to began in school year 2018-2019.

Vision Training

- [Web-based Training](#)

The Ohio Department of Health has designed a series of online vision videos. The videos are designed to give the user knowledge on how to screen school-aged children for vision disorders.

To access Ohio Train login at https://www.train.org

OhioTrain Training Modules

Module 1: ODH School-Aged Children Vision Screening: Common Vision Problems

Course ID 1015273

Course Number 100

Module 2: ODH School-Aged Children Vision Screening: Screening Tests

Course ID 1028321

Course Number 200

Module 3: ODH School-Aged Children Vision Screening: Referral and Follow up

Course ID 1055521

Course Number 300

Module 4: ODH School-Aged Children Vision Screening: Data Collection and Reporting

Course ID 1028320

Course Number 400

Module 5: ODH School-Aged Children Vision Screening: Resources

Course ID 1079367

Course Number 500

- [Regional Training](#)
- [On-Site Group Training](#)

Vision Providers

I have students who need to see an eye care provider they need additional help with locating providers?

ODH Vision Provider Directory

https://odh.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/odh/know-our-programs/children-s-hearing-vision-program/Find-Pediatric-Vision-Provider/

To locate Optometrist: use the Ohio Optometric Association locator below

https://www.aoa.org/doctor-locator-search?tab=basic&sso=y.

To locate Ophthalmologist: use the Ohio Ophthalmology locator below

http://www.ohioeye.org/aws/OOS/pt/sp/find.

To locate a Medicaid Optometrist: use the Ohio Department of Medicaid Provider locator below

https://portal.ohmits.com/Public/Public%20Information/Search%20Provider%20Directory/tabId/61/Default.aspx