



Mobile County PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Vision Research Parent Information

Each school year, MCPSS conducts grade level vision screenings for students in Kindergarten, 2nd, and 4th grades through Vision Research Corporation. This screening is non-invasive and involves taking a photograph of the student's eyes in a darkened room. Whole classes are screened together with a teacher or other adult present, as well as the Vision Research screener. Results are returned to parents via letter within a few weeks. If problems are noted, recommendations are attached to the screening results as well as resources for assistance with eye appointments and glasses if needed. A consent form and information sheet will be sent home with your student prior to the screening. Please read and complete this form and return it by the date indicated.

Please note: This program is an OPT-OUT program. Therefore, if a "NO" response is not received from the parent, all students in the grade level will be screened.

In-School Vision Screening

As much as 80% of early learning is obtained visually. A child who cannot see well is at an obvious disadvantage in the classroom. One of every ten or so school-age children has a vision problem, but parents usually don't suspect it. That is why this vision screening is being done at school.

The test uses an advanced screening system, developed and patented by NASA. The system is based on a process called "photorefraction." It takes a special color image of the child's eyes that can then be analyzed for a wide range of problems.

From your child's point of view, the screening is as simple and as fast as having a photo taken. It requires no responses, and no eye drops are used.

Many eye problems can be found this way, such as nearsightedness, farsightedness, problems leading to lazy eye, eye alignment problems and cataracts. If your child has glasses, the screening can help confirm that the prescription is current.

A report detailing the results will be sent to the school a few weeks after the screening, along with a recommendation for examination by an eye care professional if the indications of possible problems are found.

Goals

- *Identify the children who need to be seen by an eye care professional.*
- *Minimize academic and other problems resulting from poor vision.*

What if a possible problem is detected?

The child should be seen by an eye doctor of your choice for examination. The eye doctor will make a diagnosis and treatment recommendation. You may choose your own eye doctor, or your primary physician can make a referral.

Please fill out the attached Student Form completely and return it to your child's teacher.

There is no charge for this screening.

It is provided at no cost to all public schools through the state Department of Education and is conducted by Vision Research Corporation. Questions regarding the screening process or results should be directed to Vision Research at the phone number or website below.

Note: This program is based on a process that is screening in nature, not diagnostic. Screening is intended to identify, with a reasonably high probability, children with a wide range of eye problems who should seek the services of an eye care professional for examination and diagnosis. As with any screening process, there is no assurance that all problems will be detected. Also, there are eye problems that are not normally detected by this screening process, including diseases affecting the retina and optic nerve, glaucoma, some astigmatisms and color blindness.

No screening process is a substitute for full examination by an eye care professional.


Vision Research

Vision Research Corporation

(800) 942-0025

For more information...

www.vision-research.com

Please complete Student Eye Screening Form
(other side) 

El examen ocular en la escuela

Un 80 % del aprendizaje temprano se obtiene visualmente. Un niño que no ve bien se encuentra en obvia desventaja en la clase.

Aproximadamente, uno de cada diez niños en edad escolar tiene problemas de visión, pero los padres generalmente no lo sospechan. Es por ello que se realiza este examen ocular en la escuela.

La prueba utiliza un sistema avanzado de detección desarrollado y patentado por la NASA. El sistema está basado en un proceso llamado *fotorrefracción*. Se toma una imagen especial a color de los ojos del niño y luego se analiza la imagen para detectar una gran variedad de problemas.

Desde el punto de vista del niño, el examen es tan simple y tan rápido como que si le tomaran una fotografía. No requiere respuestas y no se utilizan gotas para los ojos.

De esta forma, se pueden encontrar muchos problemas oculares, como la miopía (vista corta) o la hipermetropía (mala visión de cerca), problemas que conducen a la ambliopía (ojo vago), problemas de alineación ocular y cataratas. Si su hijo usa lentes, el examen ayudará a confirmar que la graduación esté actualizada.

Unas pocas semanas después del examen, se enviará a la escuela un informe con los resultados. Si se encuentran señales de posibles problemas, se enviará también una recomendación para que un oculista calificado realice una evaluación.

Objetivos

- *Identificar a los niños que necesiten una evaluación por parte de un oculista calificado.*
- *Minimizar los problemas académicos y de otras índoles que se deban a una visión deficiente.*

¿Qué ocurre si se detecta un posible problema? Un oculista de su elección debe examinar al niño. El oculista hará un diagnóstico y le recomendará un tratamiento. Puede escoger a un oculista, o su médico de cabecera puede derivarlo a un especialista.

Por favor, complete el formulario adjunto y devuélvaselo al docente de su hijo.

Este examen se realiza sin cargo.

El Departamento de Educación estatal lo provee en forma gratuita a todas las escuelas públicas y la Vision Research Corporation lo lleva a cabo. Las preguntas relacionadas con el proceso de detección o con los resultados deben dirigirse a Vision Research (el número de teléfono y el sitio web se encuentran más abajo).

Nota: este programa está basado en un proceso que es de naturaleza preventiva y no constituye un diagnóstico. El objetivo del examen es identificar, con una probabilidad razonablemente alta, a aquellos niños con una amplia gama de problemas oculares que deben recurrir a los servicios de un oculista para la evaluación y el diagnóstico. Como en toda prueba de detección, no se garantiza que se detecten todos los problemas. Este examen no constituye un examen completo de la vista. Hay problemas oculares que normalmente no se detectan mediante este proceso, como las enfermedades que afectan la retina y el nervio óptico, el glaucoma, algunos tipos de astigmatismo y el daltonismo.

Ningún proceso de detección sustituye a un examen completo que realice un oculista.

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Para más información...
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