

## School Eye Examinations Information Sheet

- Effective date: January 1, 2008.
- All Illinois children in kindergarten or upon first entry into an Illinois school beyond kindergarten (i.e., grades 1-12) are required to have an eye examination.
- This requirement includes all public, private, and parochial schools.
- Examinations must be performed by a licensed optometrist or medical doctor who performs eye examinations, as specified in Illinois Department of Public Health administrative rules. He/she shall complete and sign the Eye Examination Report form, as designated and available on the Illinois Department of Public Health and the Illinois State Board of Education websites.
- Each child is required to present proof of an eye examination by an optometrist or medical doctor who performs eye examinations, as specified in the Illinois Department of Public Health administrative rules, prior to October 15 of the school year.
- School eye examinations must have been completed within the 12 months prior to the October 15 deadline.
- The Eye Examination Report form and the Eye Examination Waiver Form are uniform for statewide use. The authorized forms are available on the Illinois Department of Public Health and the Illinois State Board of Education websites; other organizations or agencies may link to these websites to access the forms. The Eye Examination Report form and the Eye Examination Waiver Form, both dated 5/08, must be used.
- If a child fails to present proof of the required eye examination by October 15, the school may withhold the child's report card until:
  - ▽ The child presents proof of the required eye examination by submitting a completed Eye Examination Report form.
  - OR**
  - ▽ The child presents an Eye Examination Waiver Form.
    - The child is enrolled in the free and reduced lunch program and is ineligible for public insurance (Medicaid/All Kids).
    - The child is enrolled in Medicaid/All Kids, but the family is unable to locate a medical doctor who performs eye examinations or an optometrist in the community able to see the child and who will accept Medicaid/All Kids.
    - The child does not have any type of medical or vision/eye care insurance coverage and there are no low-cost eye/vision clinics in the community that will see the child.
  - OR**
  - ▽ The child presents an exemption based on religious grounds (follow Section 27-8.1(8) of the School Code [105 ILCS 5/27-8.1(8)]).
  - OR**
  - ▽ The child presents proof of an appointment for an eye examination scheduled within 60 days after the October 15 deadline.

- Every school shall report to the Illinois State Board of Education by June 30:
  - ▽ Number of children with eye examinations completed.
  - ▽ Number of children not completing an eye examination (no waiver, no religious exemption, and no approved appointment for an eye examination within 60 days after October 15).
  - ▽ Number of children for whom a waiver is submitted for undue burden/lack of access.
    - Number of children for whom a waiver is submitted because the child is enrolled in the free and reduced lunch program and is ineligible for public insurance (Medicaid/All Kids).
    - Number of children for whom a waiver is submitted because the child is enrolled in Medicaid/All Kids, but is unable to locate a medical doctor who performs eye examinations or an optometrist in the community able to see the child and who will accept Medicaid/All Kids.
    - Number of children for whom a waiver is submitted because the child does not have any type of medical or vision/eye care insurance coverage and there are no low-cost eye/vision clinics in the community that will see the child.
  - ▽ Number of children receiving an exemption based on religious objection.
  - ▽ Number of children submitting proof of an appointment for an eye examination scheduled within 60 days after the October 15 deadline.