

Frequently Asked Questions

Oklahoma Vision Screening Act, 70 O.S. §1210.284
Vision Screening Rules, Title 310, Chapter 531

This legislation and subsequent rules focus on increasing the number of elementary school age children receiving a vision screening by qualified vision screeners.

What grades are affected?

Children entering kindergarten, first grade, and third grade.

When is the vision screening due?

Proof of vision screening for kindergarten is to be completed during the previous twelve months or during the school year.

Proof of vision screening for first grade is to be completed during the previous twelve months and presented to the school within thirty days of starting school.

Proof of vision screening for third grade is to be completed during the previous twelve months and presented to the school within thirty days of starting school.

What is the purpose of the vision screen?

The purpose of vision screening is to measure distance acuity and the quality of depth perception.

What tools are used during the vision screen?

Snellen Letter Chart
HOTV Chart
Lea Symbol Chart
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How do I know that the vision screener is qualified?

The Oklahoma State Department of Health maintains a list of qualified vision screeners on their website. Qualified vision screeners remain on the list from the date of approval for a period of 3 years from the date of training or renewal of training.

What determines a qualified vision screener?

Individuals must complete acceptable training that includes basic anatomy and physiology of the eye, common eye problems, the screening process, how to use the required screening tools, and how to screen special populations. Renewal of qualified vision screener status requires completion of the above training every three years. Approval is required from the Oklahoma Vision Screening Advisory Committee for Children.

Who determines acceptable training?

The Oklahoma Vision Screening Advisory Committee for Children determines the training criteria for qualified vision screeners.

How will I notify the school of my child's vision screen?

The Oklahoma State Department of Education and/or your local school can provide you with needed forms.

What determines a qualified trainer of vision screeners?

A vision screening trainer is a person who has been approved as a vision screening provider by the Oklahoma Vision Screening Advisory Committee for Children and completed additional training approved by the Committee to provide training to potential vision screening providers.

How do I know if a vision screening trainer is qualified?

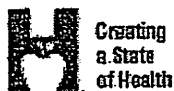
Names of qualified vision screening trainers will be listed on the Oklahoma State Department of Health website along with the names of the qualified screeners.

What determines a qualified trainer of vision screening trainers?

A trainer of vision screening trainers is a person who has been approved as a vision screening provider and vision screening trainer and has completed additional education and practicum approved by the Oklahoma Vision Screening Advisory Committee for Children to become a trainer of vision screening trainers.

How do I know if a trainer of vision screening trainers is qualified?

Names of qualified trainers of vision screening trainers will be listed on the Oklahoma State Department of Health website along with the names of qualified vision screening trainers and vision screeners.



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An Act relating to schools; requiring vision screening for certain students within certain timeframe; specifying screening be conducted by certain personnel; directing State Department of Health to adopt certain rules; recommending certain students receive certain eye examination; requiring examiner to forward written report to certain parties; specifying contents of report; allowing school attendance in event of failure of certain parties to furnish certain report; providing for school districts to notify certain parents of certain requirements; directing the State Board of Education to adopt certain rules; directing the State Department of Education to issue certain annual report; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1210.284 of Title 70, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. 1. Beginning in the 2007-08 school year, the parent or guardian of each student enrolled in kindergarten at a public school in this state shall provide certification to school personnel that the student passed a vision screening within the previous twelve (12) months or during the school year. Such screening shall be conducted by personnel approved by the State Department of Health.

2. Beginning in the 2007-08 school year, the parent or guardian of each student enrolled in first or third grade at a public school in this state shall provide within thirty (30) days of the beginning of the school year certification to school personnel that the student passed a vision screening within the previous twelve (12) months. Such screening shall be conducted by personnel approved by the State Department of Health.