

# **VISION SERVICES FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FOR PARENTS**



### **VISION EXAMS ARE RECOMMENDED FOR STUDENTS WHO:**

Fail the vision screening	Experience squinting, tilting the head
Requires an Individualized Education Program (IEP)	Sitting too close to the television, rubbing eyes
Teacher recommendations	Losing place while reading, excessive tearing or headaches

The *Illinois law requires* comprehensive eye exams for children entering kindergarten or enrolling for the first time in Illinois schools.

## **Attention Parents:**

Healthy eyes and vision are a critical part of a child's development. Children's eyes should be examined regularly, as many vision problems and eye disorders can be detected and treated early. Recognizing the connection between vision and success in school, Chicago Public Schools offers students vision examinations and access to glasses if needed.

### WHAT SHOULD I DO IF MY CHILD RECEIVES A VISION REFERRAL FOR FAILING THE VISION SCREENING AT THEIR SCHOOL?

- Reach out to your school and find out when vision examination services are available.
- Complete and return the vision consent form provided by your school.
- Contact the IEI Vision Clinic at Princeton to make an individual appointment.
  Call (312) 949-7990 or walk-in from 8:30 9:30 a.m., Monday Friday.

**80%** of learning for children is processed visually

#### **HOW CAN I TELL IF MY CHILD IS HAVING TROUBLE SEEING?**

There are a few tell tale signs to look for when considering your child for an eye exam:

Squinting

Tilting the head

Sitting too close to the television

Losing place while reading

Covering one eye to read or watch television

Please contact the vision team with any questions at (773) 535-8674.



