

POLICY STATEMENT ON SCHOOL VISION EVALUATIONS

The Nebraska Optometric Association fully endorses and supports the state's statutory requirement for children to receive a visual evaluation before entry into the beginner grade (Nebraska Revised Statute 79-214). This required evaluation consists of testing for amblyopia, strabismus, internal and external eye health, and testing sufficient to determine visual acuity. The Association understands that the intent of the law is to provide a more comprehensive visual evaluation than most children had previously been receiving.

Although the statute allows parents or guardians to sign a written waiver of the required evaluation, the Association encourages and recommends that all children are tested, including those who may need to take advantage of resources for free or reduced-cost services.