

# Student Vision Observation & Communication Form

Because poor vision can interfere with learning, use this form when you notice signs that may indicate a vision problem in a student. Give two copies to the parent or guardian (one for the eye doctor) and keep one copy on file.

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

School Official \_\_\_\_\_ teacher, nurse, administrator (circle one)

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

The following problems have been observed in your child. They may indicate a vision problem that may impair your child's ability to learn in school.

## Appearance of Eyes:

- One eye turns in or out (at any time)
- Reddened or encrusted eyes or lids
- Blinks excessively during reading
- Squints to see chalkboard
- Covers one eye to see
- Tilts or turns head to see
- Holds work excessively close to see

## Student Complains of:

- Headaches, nausea, dizziness (Circle)
- Blurred vision (far or near) (Circle)
- Broken or missing glasses

## Teacher Observation:

- Loses place often while reading
- Rereads or skips lines unknowingly
- Avoids near work
- Reading level is below expected
- Fatigues easily with desk activities/reading
- Makes errors in copying
- Rubs eyes during or after short periods reading
- Poor comprehension or recall of read material
- Short attention span, daydreaming
- Frustrated with school
- Excessive reversals for age
- Uses finger to keep place while reading
- Decreased sports performance
- Decreased scholastic performance
- Poor eye hand coordination
- Misaligns digits in columns

Failed Vision Screening (reason) \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

These problems may **indicate vision problems that could be making it more difficult for your children to learn**. You should consider taking your child to an optometrist or ophthalmologist for a comprehensive examination to rule out possible vision problems. Many of these problems can be helped with glasses, contacts, or vision therapy. *Please note that the vision screening done in school only tests for a limited range of potential vision problems, does not test the problems listed on the form, and is not a substitute for a professional eye examination.*

**Parents:** Take the original copy of this form to your eye doctor and keep the other copy for your records. Your eye doctor will complete the Professional Report Form© and return a copy of it to the school. This report is an advisory and does not imply that the school will pay for testing. Note: *Some tests may not be covered in the doctor's standard exam fee and may require additional visits. Ask your doctor if you have questions.*

**Eyecare Professional:** A copy of the Professional Report Form© can be accessed on the NFCV website, if you do not have a copy.

Please refer to the Nebraska Foundation for Children's Vision website at [www.nechildrensvision.org](http://www.nechildrensvision.org) for more information on vision terms, visual development, vision problems, and how children use their eyes, especially in the classroom.

