

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.nechildrevisions.org for more information on vision terms, visual development, vision problems, and how children use their eyes, especially in the classroom.

