



POLICY STATEMENT ON VISION SCREENING

The New York City Department of Education (DOE) and New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) agree on the following policies with respect to vision screening in DOE schools.

1. DOHMH will perform vision screening of all NYC students in Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) programs with financial support for this effort by DOE. This will include programs operated by DOE and those operated by community based organizations. DOHMH will report to the school's principal the name of any student in pre-Kindergarten who was not screened during the visit.
2. DOHMH using its own funds will provide vision screening for DOE students in kindergarten and first grade during pre-arranged site visits and report to the school's principal the name of any student in those grades who was not screened during the visit.
3. For each screening abnormality identified by DOHMH, DOHMH will notify the parents of the student and indicate that the student should receive evaluation by an eye doctor. It will provide a form for the parent to return to OSH so that the eye doctor's evaluation can be recorded in the student's medical record.
4. DOHMH will transfer information on its vision screening results electronically to the DOE ATS system so that DOE has a permanent record of these vision screening results.
5. DOE will use its own resources to perform vision screening of DOE Pre-K, kindergarten and first grade public school students who were not screened by DOHMH. It will also screen DOE public school students in grades 3 and 5 and new entrants in grades 2, 4 and 6-12.
6. DOE will record the results of its vision screens in ATS.
7. For each screening abnormality identified by DOE, DOE will notify the parents of the student and indicate that the student should receive evaluation by an eye doctor. It will provide a form for the parent to return to OSH so that the eye doctor's evaluation can be recorded in the student's medical record.
8. DOE will assign a central unit with the responsibility of monitoring compliance with vision screening requirements of Chancellor's Regulation A-701.