



EVIDENCE-BASED VISION SCREENING TOOL EXAMPLES


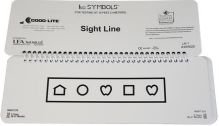
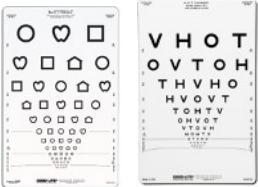




States, and even separate school districts within states, have varying vision screening procedures and protocols. The following information provides recommendations from evidence-based sources, including the National Center for Children's Vision and Eye Health at Prevent Blindness and Bright Futures.

OBSERVATION/CHECKLIST APPROACH



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TEST	AGES	TOOLS	OPTOTYPES	PASS	NOTES AND TIPS
18 Key Vision Developmental Milestones	Birth to 1 st Birthday	<p>18 Vision Development Milestones From Birth to Baby's First Birthday</p>  	Observation/ checklist tool	Follow instructions	<p>Available in English and Spanish.</p> <p>Begin with 1st milestone regardless of infant's age to determine all milestones were met.</p> <p>Use tool monthly.</p> <p>English https://nationalcenter.preventblindness.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/22/2020/05/18-Key-vision-questions-to-ask-in-year-1_version-5.27.2020.pdf</p> <p>Spanish https://nationalcenter.preventblindness.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/22/2020/06/Spanish_18-Key-vision-questions-to-ask-in-year-1_version-5.27.2020-1.pdf</p> <p>Poster for Parents/Guardians</p> <p>English https://nationalcenter.preventblindness.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/22/2020/05/18visiondevelopmentmilestones_FINAL_4.20.20.pdf</p> <p>Spanish https://nationalcenter.preventblindness.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/22/2020/07/ESPmilestones8.5x11.pdf</p>

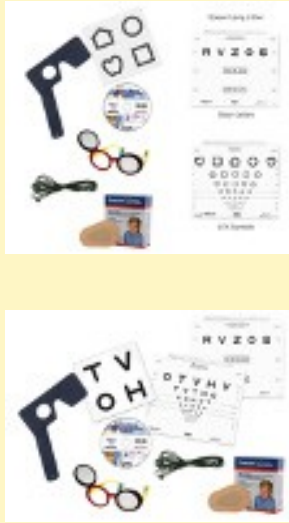
OPTOTYPE-BASED SCREENING APPROACH

TEST	AGES	TOOLS	OPTOTYPES	PASS	NOTES AND TIPS
<p>Distance Visual Acuity</p>	<p>3, 4, 5, and 6 years</p>	<p>Tests of distance visual acuity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Single, surrounded optotypes in wheels or flip charts at 5 feet.  Flip charts with crowded lines of 5 optotypes per page at 10 feet in critical line or full threshold formats.  9 x 14 charts  Tests of visual acuity screening software with single, surrounded optotypes at 10 feet.  	<p>LEA SYMBOLS® or HOTV letters response panels for playing matching game.</p>  	<p>3yo – 20/50 line 4 and 5yo – 20/40 line 6yo and older – 20/32 line</p>	<p>Screen annually.</p> <p>Measure 10-foot screening distance between chart and child’s eyes.</p> <p>Place arch of child’s foot on the line when measuring the 10-foot distance, not heels or toes.</p> <p>Screen one eye at a time.</p> <p>Rescreen as soon as possible and no later than 6 months with the same screening tool.</p> <p>Refer to an eye doctor (pediatric optometrist, optometrist, pediatric ophthalmologist, or ophthalmologist) with experience examining young children.</p> <p>Use 9 x 14 Sloan Letters chart in an illuminated cabinet (e.g., ESV1200 below) or place on a wall in a well-lit room.</p> 

OPTOTYPE-BASED SCREENING APPROACH (Continued)

TEST	AGES	TOOLS	OPTOTYPES	PASS	NOTES AND TIPS
<p>Distance Visual Acuity</p>	<p>Beginning at ages 6 or 7 years, depending on when children can identify letters in random order</p>	<p>Tests of visual acuity at 10 feet, using standardized format.</p> <p>If you draw a line around the outside of the optotypes, the line will resemble an upside down pyramid and not a rectangle.</p> <p>No more than 5 optotypes per line, unless using a 9" x 14" chart.</p> <p>Test of visual acuity should be 10 feet, not 20 feet, AND should have a 20/32 (10/16) line, not a 20/30 line.</p>	<p>Sloan Letters</p> <p>Response panel of Sloan Letters for students who use English as a second language and may need to match optotypes.</p> 	<p>More than half of optotypes on 20/32 line with each eye (e.g., 3 of 5 optotypes)</p>	<p>Bright Futures recommends vision screening for well-child medical visits at ages 8, 10, 12, and 15 years.</p> <p>Measure 10-foot screening distance between chart and child's eyes.</p> <p>Place arch of child's foot on the line when measuring the 10-foot distance, not heels or toes.</p> <p>Screen one eye at a time.</p> <p>Rescreen as soon as possible and no later than 6 months with the same screening tool.</p> <p>Refer to an eye doctor (pediatric optometrist, optometrist, pediatric ophthalmologist, or ophthalmologist) with experience examining school-aged children.</p> <p>Use 9 x 14 Sloan Letters chart in an illuminated cabinet (e.g., ESV1200 below) or place on a wall in a well-lit room.</p> 

OPTOTYPE-BASED SCREENING APPROACH (Continued)

TEST	AGES	TOOLS	OPTOTYPES	PASS	NOTES AND TIPS
<p>Distance Visual Acuity</p>	<p>All ages beginning at age 3 years</p>	<p>Tests of visual acuity at 10 feet for threshold and critical line screening.</p> <p>AAPOS Basic Vision Screening Kit</p> 	<p>LEA SYMBOLS[®] and Sloan Letters</p> <p>Also available with HOTV and Sloan Letters</p>	<p>Follow instructions in kits</p>	<p>Measure 10-foot screening distance between chart and child's eyes.</p> <p>Place arch of child's foot on the line when measuring the 10-foot distance, not heels or toes.</p> <p>Screen one eye at a time.</p> <p>Rescreen as soon as possible and no later than 6 months with the same screening tool.</p> <p>Refer to an eye doctor (pediatric optometrist, optometrist, pediatric ophthalmologist, or ophthalmologist) with experience examining preschool- and school-aged children.</p>

Instrument-Based Screening

- Vision screenings for toddlers ages 1 and 2 years can be conducted via instrument-based screening or a screening conducted by a primary health care provider.
- Instrument-based screening is appropriate as an alternative to optotype-based screening for ages 3, 4, and 5 years.
- Instrument-based screening can be used for children ages 6 years and older only if they cannot participate in optotype-based screening.
 - All individuals screening children ages 6 years and older – including volunteer community groups – should follow this guideline until additional research emerges.
 - This age range may expand as high quality, peer-reviewed, published research emerges.



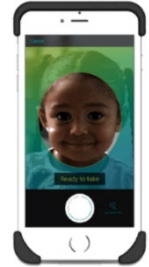

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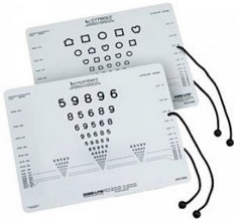

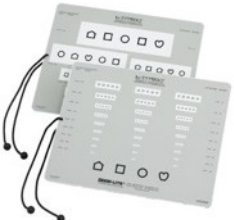
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INSTRUMENT-BASED SCREENING APPROACH

TEST	AGES	TOOLS	OPTOTYPES	PASS	NOTES AND TIPS
Screens for estimates of refractive error and eye misalignment	1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 years	<p data-bbox="506 289 947 321">Welch Allyn® Spot™ Vision Screener</p>  <p data-bbox="527 581 926 685">Plusoptix S12C, S12R, and S16 without visual acuity component (C model shown here)</p>  <p data-bbox="548 964 737 1094">GoCheck Kids without visual acuity component</p>  <p data-bbox="606 1219 842 1252">Righton Retinomax</p> 	None	According to device settings	<p data-bbox="1415 289 1965 358">Vision screening instruments do not measure visual acuity.</p> <p data-bbox="1415 428 1965 498">Insufficient data exist to support visual acuity functions of instruments.</p> <p data-bbox="1415 537 1965 716">Instrument results cannot be converted to visual acuity values, such as 20/20. https://journals.lww.com/optvissci/Fulltext/2021/01000/Position_Statement_on_the_Relationship_between.15.aspx</p> <p data-bbox="1415 760 1923 829">Consult local eye care provider for referral criteria settings in programmable devices.</p> <p data-bbox="1415 873 1965 976">Insufficient data currently exists to support instrument-based screening for ages 6 years and older.</p> <p data-bbox="1415 1230 1965 1365">Monitor the Prevent Blindness website for additional approved devices: https://preventblindness.org/recommended-tools-and-tests/</p>

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MISCELLANEOUS MANDATED SCREENING COMPONENTS

TEST	AGES	TOOLS	OPTOTYPES	PASS	NOTES AND TIPS
Near visual acuity	All	<p>LEA SYMBOLS[®] LEA NUMBERS[®] near chart with cord</p>  <p>Sloan Letters near chart with cord</p>  <p>LEA SYMBOLS[®] near chart with cord</p> 	<p>Ages 3 to 6 years: LEA SYMBOLS[®] or HOTV letters</p> <p>Ages 6 years and older: Sloan Letters</p>	<p>3yo – majority of optotypes on 20/50 line with each eye separately or both eyes open</p> <p>4yo – majority of optotypes on 20/40 line with each eye separately or both eyes open</p> <p>5yo – majority of optotypes on 20/40 line with each eye separately or both eyes open</p> <p>6yo and older – majority of optotypes on 20/32 line with each eye separately or both eyes open</p>	<p>Plus lens testing is <u>not</u> a near visual acuity test.</p> <p>Can conduct full threshold screening (starting at top line and moving down the chart) one eye at a time OR critical line screening with each eye individually, or with both eyes open.</p> <p>Hold cord at child's temple.</p> <p>Ensure cord remains tight to prevent child from moving closer to or farther away from the chart.</p>

TEST	AGES	TOOLS	OPTOTYPES	PASS	NOTES AND TIPS
Stereoaucuity	All	PASS Test™ 2 	NA	3yo – pass Card B (no testing with Card C) 4yo – pass Card B (no testing with Card C) 5yo and older – pass Cards B and C	<p>If student wears prescription glasses for distance viewing, remove prescription glasses and screen only with polarized glasses.</p> <p>If student wears prescription glasses for near viewing, or full time, place polarized glasses over prescription glasses when screening. You may need a larger set of polarized glasses.</p> <p>If student wears prescription glasses and you do not know the reason, place polarized glasses over prescription glasses when screening. You may need a larger set of polarized glasses. If the child cannot see the 3-D image, then try conducting the test without the child wearing their glasses.</p> <p>Ensure no glare or shadow on cards. Hold cards with edges of fingertips.</p> <p>Tilt cards slightly backward – about a 10-degree tilt.</p>
Color Vision Deficiency Screening	Upon entry to school system	Book with pseudoisochromatic plates. 	Symbols and numbers	Follow manufacturer instructions	<p>Replace book every 7 years; colors desaturate over time.</p> <p>Use cotton swab or brush for pointing or tracing the image as oil from fingertips will desaturate colors.</p>
Occluders	3 years to 10 years	Adhesive patches, 2-inch wide hypoallergenic surgical tape, or occluder glasses. 	NA	NA	<p><u>Unacceptable</u> occluders include: Tissues, hands, paper or plastic cups, paper occluders, adults holding occluders over child’s eyes, and occluder paddles.</p>
Occluders	10 years and older	“Mardi Gras mask” or “Lollypop” occluders. 	NA	NA	<p><u>Unacceptable</u> occluders include: Tissues, hands, paper or plastic cups, paper occluders, adults holding occluders over child’s eyes.</p> <p>Hold “lollypop” occluders with handle toward temple, not chin.</p>



Vision Screening Certification

Information for Prevent Blindness nationally recognized vision screening certification that you can do at your own pace.

Prevent Blindness Children's Vision Screening Certification Course

<https://nationalcenter.preventblindness.org/prevent-blindness-childrens-vision-screening-certification-course/>

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