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## NEW ILLINOIS STATE LAW REQUIRES COMPREHENSIVE EYE EXAMS FOR CHILDREN STARTING SCHOOL

**Healthy Eyes are the key  
To Successful Learning for Children**

### Dear parent or Guardian:

Assuring a child's ability to see clearly in school is one of the most effective ways to maximize their learning potential. As you may be aware, a new state law requiring eye exams for all school aged children took effect on January 1, 2008. Although you have until October 15 to provide proof of an eye exam, the Illinois Parent=Teacher Association, the Illinois Federation of Teachers, the Illinois Optometric Association and the Vision First Foundation are working to raise awareness now about the new law.

### Information about the New Law:

Thanks to the work and leadership of these organizations, Illinois now leads the nation with the most comprehensive eye health care requirements for children. The new law requires comprehensive eye exams for children entering kindergarten or enrolling for the first time in public, private, or parochial elementary schools, in Illinois. Children will be required to have the eye exam performed only by qualified eye doctors-such as optometrists and ophthalmologists. The law states that "*an eye examination shall at a minimum include history, visual acuity, subjective refraction to best visual acuity near and far, internal and external examination, and a glaucoma evaluation, as well as any other tests or observations that in the professional judgment of the doctor are necessary.*" The law calls for the eye exam to take place within one year prior to kindergarteners starting school in the fall and for all students who are entering school for the first time in Illinois. Proof of the eye exam must be submitted by October 15 of each school year. Additionally, eye examinations at various grade levels may be required when deemed necessary by school authorities.

Parents must turn in the Eye Examination Report by October 20, 2012.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Robert J. Zeegers  
Principal

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# State of Illinois Eye Examination Report

Illinois law requires that proof of an eye examination by an optometrist or physician (such as an ophthalmologist) who provides eye examinations be submitted to the school no later than October 15 of the year the child is first enrolled or as required by the school for other children. The examination must be completed within one year prior to the first day of the school year the child enters the Illinois school system for the first time. The parent of any child who is unable to obtain an examination must submit a waiver form to the school.

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_ (Middle Initial)

Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ (Month/Day/Year) Gender \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ (First)

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ (Area Code)

Address \_\_\_\_\_ (Number) \_\_\_\_\_ (Street) \_\_\_\_\_ (City) \_\_\_\_\_ (ZIP Code)

County \_\_\_\_\_

### To Be Completed By Examining Doctor

#### Case History

Date of exam \_\_\_\_\_

Ocular history:  Normal or Positive for \_\_\_\_\_

Medical history:  Normal or Positive for \_\_\_\_\_

Drug allergies:  NKDA or Allergic to \_\_\_\_\_

Other information \_\_\_\_\_

#### Examination

	Distance			Near
	Right	Left	Both	Both
Uncorrected visual acuity	20/	20/	20/	20/
Best corrected visual acuity	20/	20/	20/	20/

Was refraction performed with dilation?  Yes  No

	Normal	Abnormal	Not Able to Assess	Comments
External exam (lids, lashes, cornea, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Internal exam (vitreous, lens, fundus, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Pupillary reflex (pupils)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Binocular function (stereopsis)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Accommodation and vergence	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Color vision	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Glaucoma evaluation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Oculomotor assessment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

NOTE: "Not Able to Assess" refers to the inability of the child to complete the test, not the inability of the doctor to provide the test.

#### Diagnosis

Normal  Myopia  Hyperopia  Astigmatism  Strabismus  Amblyopia

Other \_\_\_\_\_



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## Recommendations

1. Corrective lenses:  No  Yes, glasses or contacts should be worn for:  
 Constant wear  Near vision  Far vision  
 May be removed for physical education

2. Preferential seating recommended:  No  Yes

Comments \_\_\_\_\_  
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3. Recommend re-examination:  3 months  6 months  12 months  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

Print name \_\_\_\_\_

License Number \_\_\_\_\_

Optometrist or physician (such as an ophthalmologist)  
 who provided the eye examination  MD  OD  DO

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

<p><b>Consent of Parent or Guardian</b></p> <p>I agree to release the above information on my child or ward to appropriate school or health authorities.</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Parent or Guardian's Signature)</p> <p>_____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Date)</p>
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(Source: Amended at 32 Ill. Reg. \_\_\_\_\_, effective \_\_\_\_\_)