



The International Association of Lions Clubs

District 16- N

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VISION SCREENING OPT OUT REQUEST FORM

The Lions District 16-N Charitable Foundation and the district vision screening team consisting of Lions Club members within District 16-N, will conduct a free vision screening for children in the Highland School. Lions KidSight USA, a Lions Club Community Service Program, provides a simple, non-invasive and cost-free vision screening test performed on young children and adults alike. It requires no medication or preparation and is **PAINLESS**. The screening equipment being used is technologically advanced and may determine the presence of eye disorders including far and near sightedness, astigmatism, anisometropia, strabismus and anisocoria. The screening is done by a photographic process from a distance of three feet. ***Our school nurse is present during the screening process.*** No physical contact is made with the child and no eye drops are administered. **All students will have their vision tested unless an opt-out form is filled out & returned to the Highland School main office by January 9, 2024**

WHY is vision screening important?

The first few years of a child's life are critical in the development of good vision. Children should have their vision checked for issues such as misaligned eyes, and problems that need correction with their eyeglasses. There problems are not always evident by simply looking at a child. Young children often compensate for vision problems so well that parents, teachers, and pediatricians are unaware of a problem. Many common vision robbing conditions such as "lazy eye" can be effectively treated if detected in a child's formative years. Eighty percent of learning is visual and vision problems undetected by the age of 7 can become permanent. Lions KidSight USA screens for the following:

- **Hyperopia:** "Far-sightedness" is the difficulty seeing objects that are near. Untreated this can contribute to "crossing of the eyes" but can be corrected with glasses.
- **Myopia:** "Near-sightedness" is when the eyes focus incorrectly, making distant objects appear blurred. It can be treated with glasses.
- **Astigmatism:** A condition in which the cornea has an abnormal curve causing out-of-focus vision.
- **Anisometropia:** This condition can adversely affect the development of binocular vision in infants and children. The brain will often suppress the vision of the blurrier eye in a condition called Amblyopia or "lazy eye."
- **Strabismus:** Eyes are not directed to an object simultaneously. Sometimes the eyes deviate outward and sometimes inward.



THIS FORM MUST BE RETURNED TO THE MAIN OFFICE NO LATER THAN 01/09/2024.

I, the undersigned, hereby **DO NOT** give permission for my child to participate in the vision screening.

Child's Name

Grade

Homeroom Teacher

Signature of parent or guardian

Date