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STATE	LEGISLATION	HYPERLINK TO LEGISLATION	AGE RANGE/GRADES OF CHILDREN SCREENED	WHO PERFORMS THE SCREENING	VISION SCREENING METHOD	WHO PROVIDES FOLLOW UP	PARAMETERS FOR REFERRAL
Alabama	N	no mandate. OD's control	OD's push for comprehensive eye	Sightsavers America: younger kids	objective photostreening	OD's	unknown
			exams over screening	Lions: older students, middle/high school	when performed		
Alaska	Y	dhss.alaska.gov/dph/wcfh/Documents/school/assets/VisionScreeningGuidelines.pdf	1st thru 12 grades subjective distance	MD's, Lic. or certified	HOTV LEA or SLOAN	School nurses inform	3-5 yrs > 20/40 or 2 line diff
		AAP Bright Futures Guidelines	acuity: 35 yrs photostreening	health care workers with supervision, school nurses	at 10 feet	MD or OD of failed screenings	over 6 yrs 20/30 or 2 line diff
Arizona	Y	https://www.azed.gov/wellness/cs/w/guidelines	Was rec. at 3 or older. Now	Public/charter school training of	LEA, ETDRS	School refers to health	3-5 yrs > 20/40 or 2 line diff
		Vision Screening Guidelines 2010	mandated at school entry which could	screeners thru ADHS. National			over 6 yrs 20/30 or 2 line diff
		Summer 2019 mandated at school entry but not legalized yet	be pre K in some districts Senate Bill 1456	standards such as AAPOS.			
Arkansas	Y	www.arkansased.gov/	PreK, 1, 2, 4, 6, 8th grades	school nurses trained by ADE	Snellen at 20ft. Appropriate charts	school refers to OD or MD	must read 20/40 any age to pass
		legislation from 2006			at 10 ft for younger children. No	to be seen within 60 days	Referred if VA ^ 2 lines diff. with +2.00
					photostreening in State		



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California	Y	cde.ca.gov/ls/he/hn/documents/visionreport.pdf	K, 2, 5 and 8th grade and transfer students	MD, OD, DO, RN or school nurses with	Photoscreening younger kids or with	referral for comprehensive	3 yrs: 20/60 or worse EE	
				health and dev. Cert. Teachers w	dev. delay. Older LEA, HOTV,	eye exam		
				6 hrs VS training				5 yrs on: 20/40 or worse EE
								2 line difference for all groups
Colorado	Y	healthandwellness>visionscreening">www.cde.state.co.us>healthandwellness>visionscreening	grades 1,2,3,5,7 and 9	school nurses	HOTV or LEA at 10' Sloan for older children	school refers to eye care profess.	3 yrs 20/50 4yrs 20/40	
							5 yrs 20/30 or 20/32	
Connecticut	Y	portal.ct.gov/-/media/SDE/SDE/Special-Education/Guidelines_Health_Screenings_CSDE_pdf	K,1,3,4,5, 6 or 7, 9 or 10th grades	Any trained individual may conduct VS	LEA, HOTV, Snellen or SLOAN	school nurse coordinates	PreK baseline 20/40	
				Must have supervision by school nurse,	depending on age	referral	K up 20/30. Fail with 2 line diff	
				nurse supervisor or medical advisor				between eyes all groups
Delaware	Y	https://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/title14/800/815.shtml	K, 2,4,7,9 and 10	school nurses or health dept	unknown	public/private partnership	not found	
						thru Vision to Learn if need		
						glasses (mobile vans)		



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District of Columbia	Y	Univ. Health Certificate req. for all entering Child	All school grades	Pediatricians or equivalent	Obj. and subj at health ck	Refer to Vision specialist if fail	unknown
		care facilities, HS, DC public/private/parochial			visits. RR.CLR/CT/fix		
		schools. 1/20. Exempt If seen by non-profit			3 yrs E, HOTV, Allen, LEA		
		provider giving free diagnostic services & eyewear	state funded for pre-K, K and 1st grade		6 yrs Snellen. REC 10 ft		
Florida	Y	www.flsenate.gov	K, 1, 3, 6TH GRADES	School nurses	LEA, HOTV, SLOAN	refer to OD or MD if fail	PRE-K TO K: 20/40
					SPOT OR PLUSOPTIX	Florida Vision Quest	1 -12th grade: 20/30
						Florida Heiken Childrens Prog.	no test distance specified
Georgia	Y	www.senate.ga.gov	Required if a public school offers a PreK program	school nurses, public health officials	photoscreening of symbols used	refer for complete eye exam if	20/40 under 6
			Otherwise at age of entry into school system	trained volunteers	by Prevent Blindness GA	fail VS	20/30 over 6
							Sight Savers supply glasses
Hawaii	N	Mandated 1989, defunded 1997. "Almost	No specific recommendations	Project Vision Hawaii sponsored	Photoscreening on	not found	e mail not returned
		everyone has insurance in Hawaii".		by United Way	van		
Idaho	N	Bill proposed HB 396 2008 but did not pass.	OD's push InfantSEE ages 6-12 mos	Lions present, don't see kids	screening not rec.	ODs	unknown
					emphasis on complete		



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Illinois	Y	www.dph.illinois.gov	Preschool, grades K, 2 and 8 annually	Trained certified techs from dept	use photoscreening and subjective	refer to eye doctor or pediatric	3-4 yrs: 20/40
			public, private preschool, child care	health	testing with LEA, HOTV, letters	ophthalmologist	older 20/30
			special needs		depending on age		
Indiana	Y	www.ina.gov	no preschool screening: K or 1st grade, 3,5 and 8th grade	school nurses	older kids' letters: younger MCT	refer to OD	K and older 20/30 each eye
Iowa	Y	https://idph.iowa.gov/Portals/1/useserfiles/88/1924C.pdf	Prior to Kindergarten and prior to third grade	MD, OD, school nurses, public health	comprehensive eye examination or	referral to MD or OD for	not specified
		Iowa Code 135.39D		or community-based organization	age-appropriate vision screening method	comprehensive eye examination	
				volunteers	located on IDPH website		
Kansas	Y	www.kdheks.gov	no PreK. At least once every 2 yrs while in public	school nurses trained volunteers	Photoscreen for younger, E or HOTV	referral after 2nd fail only to	Kay Nottingham Chaplin involved
			school		at 10 or 20 ft.	eye care professional	in training in this State
Kentucky	Y	https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dms/dpo/bpb/Pages/vision.aspx	VS prior to 1st enrollment and before 6th grade	OD or MD	initial CEX aged 3, 4, 5 or 6 years		not specified
			CEX by OD/MD on school entry ages 3-6 yrs		old. 1st state to mandate this		



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Louisiana	Y	https://www.louisianabelieves.com/docs/school-choice/fag---health-safety.pdf?sfvrsn=2	required annually. K, 1,3,5,7 and 9th grade	Lions	use photoscreening (Cubsight)	referral for CEX	unknown
Maine	Y	maine.gov/doe/schools/safeschools/healthed/nurseresources/manual/screenings	PreK, K, grades 1,3,5, 7 and 9 and within 30 days	school nurses	HOTV, LEA, SLOAN and computer	Parents contacted. Referral	3 yrs: 20/50: 4-5 yrs 20/40
			of school entry		based screening	form to take to health care prov.	6 yrs up 20/30
Maryland	Y	Marylandpublicschools.org	at school entry, 1st, 8th and 9th grade	school nurses or persons under the supervision of Lions	unknown	refer to pediatrician or for complete eye exam	unknown
Massachusetts	Y	https://www.mass.gov/lists/school-health-screening#vision-screening-	PreK, K grades 1-12	trained school personnel: PCP's at wellness visits (photoscreener)	HOTV, LEA, E, line letter or nos. Instrument based screening aged 3 to 5 yrs	letter sent to parent with referral form	3-4 yrs 20/40: 4 yrs up 20/30 must get 4/5 on critical line correct. Also, stereo E done
Michigan	Y	www.legislature.mi.gov	PreK between 3 and 5 yrs. Then Grades 1,3,5	schools, PCP Michigan Dept Community Health, Lions Kidsight	standard or photo screen Lions use PlusOptix or Spot	VS program provides referral and follow up	usual guidelines
		mcl 333.9301 (1978)	7 and 9.				
Minnesota	Y	https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/2019/cite/121A.17	PreK, K, 1,3,5,7 and 10th grade	schools, Lions, PCP	Standard or handheld screener		
Mississippi	y	msachieves.mdek12.org/Mississippi-eye-screening	Pre-K and K within 45 days of school yr	Vision research corporation sight savers America	Photo screening	Sight savers for follow up	per instrument parameters



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Missouri	N	https://dss.mo.gov/fsd/rsb/childre_nsvision/	recommendations only following guidelines				
			but no mandates				
Montana	N	https://dphhs.mt.gov/montanahealthcareprograms/wellchild	Suggested Pre K and K but up to school		both obj and subj screening	Ophthalmologists or ODs	PreK/K refer if <20/40 or 2 line difference
			district		Lions do photo screening		1 to 12 grade 20/30 or 2 line difference
Nebraska	Y	sos.nebraska.gov	Periodic annual screening ages 3-5	school nurses	chart at 20 ft, vision screening	MD or OD	6yrs+ 20/30 EE LEA or SLOAN pass
			6 mos prior to school, grades 1-4, 7 and 10		machine, photo screener		Refer if 20/40 or less EE after retest
Nevada	y	CPT>EPSDT">dhcfp.nv.gov>Pgms>CPT>EPSDT	Before school entry and in one grade in elementary	pediatrician at well child check ups or	follow AAP Bright Future	eye care specialist	not known
			school, special ed students and referrals	school nurse	Guidelines		
New Hampshire	N	no state requirements	Recommends complete exam within first	Primary care doctor at well child	various	MD	20/40 VA OU
			year of school entry. Screen preK, K, 1st	check ups			20/30 in one eye no age specs



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New Jersey	Y	www.state.nj.us	PreK and biennially for students K thru	school nurses screenings	unknown	OD	Unknown
			grade 12	OD's do complete eye exams			
			comprehensive eye exam aged 6yrs 5/2019				
New Mexico	Y	www.nmhealth.org	PreK, K grades 1 and 3 and transfers	school nurses	subjective HOTV, LEA, letters	MD or OD	3-5 yrs 20/40 EE .Refer if 20/50 or one line difference
					photoscreening pass/refer		6 yrs 20/30 EE . Refer if 20/40 or 1 line difference
New York	Y	www.p12.nysed.gov/sss/documents/VisionScreeningApril2018.pdf	PreK, K, grades 1,3,5,7 & 10. Any other time	trained licensed healthcare	subjective at 10 or 20ft	Eye health professional. No	preK 20/40 K thru 12 20/30
			deemed necessary for distance acuity	professionals	recommended Snellen or	mention on return form about	or 2-line difference between
					HOTV for younger kids	dilation	eyes
North Carolina	Y	nc.preventblindness.org	K or first enrollment in public school. Also	Prevent Blindness NC trains school	photoscreening	MD or OD	Pass/refer
			required for pre-entry in Title 1 Pre School programs	nurses and volunteers			
North Dakota	N	nd.gov	nothing listed under health or education				



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Ohio	Y	https://odh.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/odh/know-our-programs/children-s-hearing-vision-program/	Prek, K, 1,3,5,7 and 9th grade	Lions Kidsight, RN, Vision screeners	Standard or hand held Screener		PreK 20/40
				trained and certified in the ODH Dept	Lions use Suresight or Plus Optix		K and up 20/32 or 2 line difference
				Health	LEA /Sloan		
Oklahoma	Y	www.ok.gov/health/Family_Health/Maternal_and_Child_Child_and_Adolescent_Health/School_Health_Vision_Screening/index.html	K, grades 1 and 3	school nurse, Lions club, new ones	photoscreening approved up to	MD or OD	current AAP/AAPOS parameters
				trained by current screeners	72 mos. Spot screener		
				Vizavance formerly Prevent Blindness	HOTV, LEA no, Sloan letters		
				Oklahoma			
Oregon	Y	www.oregon.gov/ode/students-and-family/healthsafety	PreK, Grades K,1,2 or 3, 4 or 5, 7 or 8, 10 or 11	school nurses, head start personnel	Plusoptix used by both Lions	with MD or OD but with dilated	PlusOptix referral parameters
				other trained med. Auxiliaries	and Elks Preschool VS program.	exam	Lions see older kids, Elks
					Elks also use Go Check Kids smart		program now expanding to K+
					phone app.		
Pennsylvania	Y	http://www.pa.health.gov	no PreK. Annually K thru 12. bill introduced 2019	proposed: school nurses and other	not mentioned	Proposed: refer for complete eye	unknown
			BUT NO ACTION SINCE APRIL 2019	trained healthcare		if fail screening	
			Current legislation dates from 1949				



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Rhode Island	Y	https://health.ri.gov/healthcare/screening/childhoodvision/	K, grades 1 to 5 grade 7 and 9. Parents advised to	Licensed health care professional such	unable to fin	if fail screening referral letter to	unknown
			seek screening prior to entering K.	as school nurse or in medical home		MD or OD for complete exam	
South Carolina	N	www.scdhec.gov	Head Start, 1st grade. Mass screenings in schools	nurses and helpers	unknown	refer to MD or OD for CEX	unknown
		recommendations no mandate	K, 1,2,3,5,and 7th grades.			if fail	
South Dakota	N	No state requirements	Study done 2014 on children 6 mos to 12 years	lay volunteers	Spot photoscreener	eye care professional	used Spot photoscreener referral
			South Dakota Medicine article 2015			poor f/up data	criteria for 2014
Tennessee	Y	https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/education/csh/csh_school_health_screening_guidelines.pdf	Pre-K, K and annually for 2,4,6, and 8th grades	school nurses	Snellen, HOTV LEA at 10 ft for	eye care professional	20/40 or 2 lines difference preK
					younger children. Near VA, Color		20/30 or 2 line difference K and
						vision, +2.00 DS flippers	
Texas	Y	https://dshs.state.tx.us/vhs/	<4 yrs rec. K, 1,3,5 and 7th grades	school nurses	photoscreener <5 yrs	eye care professional	per AAP and AAPOS guidelines
					Sloan letters or HOTV at distance		
					number of feet not specified		



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Utah	Y	http://choosehealth.utah.gov/pre-K-12/school-nurses/Guidelines/screenings-php revised 2019. Dept of Health oversees	PreK, K, 1,3,5,7 or 8, 9 or 10th grade	school nurses and trained volunteers	photocreener 3,4 & 5 years	eye care professional	3 yrs 20/50 4-5 yrs 20/40
				Tier 1 distance acuity test	only, HOTV, LEA, Sloan		1st grade on 20/32
				Tier 2 near, tracking, color, NPC	at 10 feet		3 out of 5 optotypes a line to pass
					needs more qualified tester		
Vermont	Y	https://www.healthvermont.gov/sites/default/files/documents/pdf/cyf_26_Screening_2016.pdf	PreK, K, 1,3,5,7,9,12th grade	school nurses	HOTV, E, letters at 10ft	refer to medical home if	20/40 pass to age 5 . 20/30 over 5.
				Lions International	or Spot screener	fail VS	Refer if greater or a two line
					depends on age		difference in eyes
Virginia	Y	https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/title22.1/chapter14/section22.2-273	K, 1,2,3,5,7 and 10th grades	qualified school nurses and non profit	digital screening approved 2017	refer to MD or OD	not known
				vision healthcare organizations			
Washington	Y	https://sboh.wa.gov/Portals/7/Doc/VisionScreening/VisionScreeningToolsforWashingtonStateSchools.pdf		schools nurses	K/G1 LEA/HOTV single optotype	refer MD or OD	K 20/40 at 5 ft
			K, 1,2,3,5 and 7th grades		w surround at 5ft		1st 20/32 at 5 ft
					G2 up: letter or nos wall charts		2nd up 20/32 10 ft letter/nos
					at 10 ft. Near Va also tested		charts



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West Virginia	Y	https://wvde.state.wv.us/osp/Health/Check-Tools for Schools.pdf	Prior to first entry, K, 2nd and 7th grade	school nurse. On EPSDT program	unknown	unknown	unknown
				Early and Periodic Screening			
				Diagnosis and Treatment			
Wisconsin	N	No state requirements	All parents should present proof of eye exam	no other state mandates			
		Wisconsin Children's Vision Law	by OD or MD prior to entering Kindergarten				
Wyoming	N	No State requirements	http://www.uwyo.edu/wind/vision/screenings.html				outline in PDF
			Wyoming Vision Collaborative				