



Dear Parents/Guardians of Kindergarten age students:

The state of Illinois has instituted a new mandate requiring children entering Kindergarten have an eye examination. The amendment reads as follows:

"Public Act 095-0671 SB0641 Enrolled" Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section 27-8.1 as follows: (1.10) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, **all children enrolling in kindergarten in a public, private, or parochial school on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly and any student enrolling for the first time in a public, private, or parochial school on or after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly shall have an eye examination. Each of these children shall present proof of having been examined by a physician licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches or a licensed optometrist within the previous year, in accordance with this Section and rules adopted under this Section, before October 15th of the school year.**

The law goes on to DEFINE what must be included in this eye examination:

" For purposes of this Section, 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 ".

Because of the instrumentation required for the eye examination, most of these eye examinations will probably be performed by either an ophthalmologist or an optometrist.

If your child has had an eye exam within the past year, simply send the form to the physician for completion.

Enclosed you will find the eye examination form required for completion by the examining physician. The form is due back to the school by October 15th. The waiver form is enclosed if the student qualifies for a waiver.

Please call with any questions or concerns regarding the above amendment.

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