

Vision Screening

Did you know that the school nurses in Guilford County preform vision screening on students routinely in the 1st, 3rd, 5th and 7th grades, as well as any student suspected of having vision problems? All of the county's school nurses are certified by Prevent Blindness North Carolina to screen students accurately to identify children with potential vision problems. Once screened, the students may be referred to an eye doctor for further examination based on the screening results. Abnormalities found during screening may include nearsightedness, farsightedness, astigmatism, crossed eye or lazy eye. Nurse can also assist families with needed resources associated with eye care.

Signs that your child's vision may need to be screened:

Appearance:

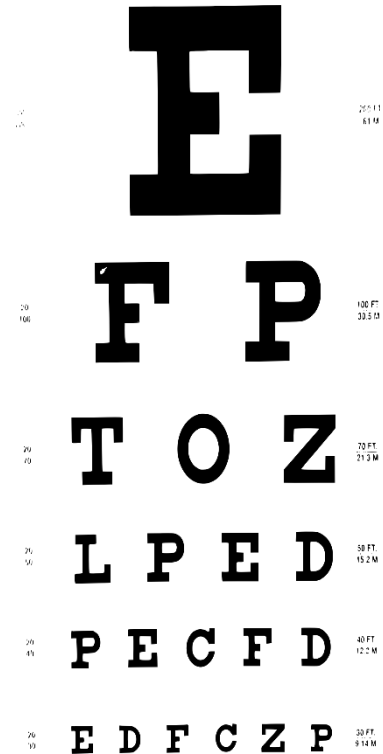
- Cloudiness
- Crossed Eyes
- Unequal pupil size or white pupil
- Eye injury

Behavior Signs:

- Leaning forward to see distant objects
- Tilting head or excessive blinking
- Squinting, frowning, or closing an eye
- Clumsiness or decreased coordination

Complaints:

- Headaches, nausea, or dizziness
- Blurred or double vision
- Sensitivity to light
- Watering eyes
- Red or swollen eye lids
- Infection or styes
- Burning, scratchy or itchy eyes



Contact your child's teacher or school nurse directly if you would like to request a vision screen for your child or call Guilford County Public Health at 336-641-3896.