



1 listed on the statewide registry as maintained by the State  
2 Department of Health.

3 2. The parent or guardian of each student enrolled in first or  
4 third grade at a public school in this state shall provide within  
5 thirty (30) days of the beginning of the school year certification  
6 to school personnel that the student passed a vision screening  
7 within the previous twelve (12) months. Such screening shall be  
8 conducted by personnel listed on the statewide registry as  
9 maintained by the State Department of Health.

10 3. The parent or guardian of each student who receives a vision  
11 screening as required by this section shall receive notification  
12 that a vision screening is not the equivalent of a comprehensive eye  
13 exam.

14 B. 1. The State Department of Health shall form an advisory  
15 committee comprised of:

- 16 a. one licensed Oklahoma optometrist,
- 17 b. one licensed Oklahoma ophthalmologist,
- 18 c. the State Commissioner of Health, or designee,
- 19 d. the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, or  
20 designee, ~~and~~
- 21 e. one representative of a statewide organization for the  
22 prevention of blindness, and
- 23 f. one public school nurse.

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1           2. The advisory committee shall make recommendations to the  
2 State Board of Health on:

- 3           a. standards for vision screening and referral,
- 4           b. qualifications for initial recognition and renewal of  
5           recognition of vision screeners,
- 6           c. qualifications for initial recognition and renewal of  
7           recognition of vision screener trainers,
- 8           d. qualifications for initial recognition and renewal of  
9           recognition of trainers of vision screener trainers,  
10          and
- 11          e. grounds for denial, refusal, suspension or revocation  
12          of recognition of vision screeners, vision screener  
13          trainers and trainers of vision screener trainers.

14          3. The advisory committee shall provide to the Department a  
15 list of:

- 16          a. qualified vision screeners,
- 17          b. qualified vision screener trainers, and
- 18          c. qualified trainers of vision screener trainers which  
19          are recognized by another state or national entity  
20          involved with vision screening with substantially  
21          similar published standards and qualifications.

22          4. The Department shall:  
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- 1 a. establish and thereafter maintain a statewide  
2 registry, available via the Internet, which shall  
3 contain a list of approved vision screeners,  
4 b. maintain a list of approved vision screener trainers  
5 and trainers of vision screener trainers, and  
6 c. maintain the standards for vision screening and  
7 referral.

8 5. After notice and hearing, the Department may deny, refuse,  
9 suspend or revoke approval to an applicant which has a history of:

- 10 a. noncompliance or incomplete or partial compliance with  
11 the provisions of this section or the rules adopted by  
12 the Board to implement the provisions of this section,  
13 b. referring persons to a business in which the applicant  
14 has a financial interest or a business which is owned  
15 or operated by someone within the third degree of  
16 consanguinity or affinity of the applicant, or  
17 c. conduct which demonstrates that the applicant is  
18 providing services in a manner which does not warrant  
19 public trust.

20 6. The advisory committee may make recommendations to the Board  
21 for establishing a requirement for background checks and provide a  
22 listing of offenses that disqualify a vision screener, vision  
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1 screener trainer or trainer of vision screener trainers for  
2 recognition pursuant to this section.

3 7. The advisory committee may also serve as a sports eye-safety  
4 resource for Oklahoma K-12 public school districts and nonprofit  
5 community sports organizations by developing and providing  
6 educational materials to the school districts and organizations  
7 which detail the risk of eye injuries associated with different  
8 types of sports and the availability of protective eyewear that  
9 reduces the risk of eye injuries due to sports.

10 8. The Board shall promulgate rules to implement the provisions  
11 of this section.

12 C. 1. The parent or guardian of each student who fails the  
13 vision screening required in subsection A of this section shall  
14 receive a recommendation to undergo a comprehensive eye examination  
15 performed by an ophthalmologist or optometrist.

16 2. The ophthalmologist or optometrist shall forward a written  
17 report of the results of the comprehensive eye examination to the  
18 student's school, parent or guardian, and primary health care  
19 provider designated by the parent or guardian. The report shall  
20 include, but not be limited to:

- 21 a. date of report,  
22 b. name, address and date of birth of the student,  
23 c. name of the student's school,

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- 1           d. type of examination,
- 2           e. a summary of significant findings, including
- 3                 diagnoses, medication used, duration of action of
- 4                 medication, treatment, prognosis, whether or not a
- 5                 return visit is recommended and, if so when,
- 6           f. recommended educational adjustments for the child, if
- 7                 any, which may include: preferential seating in the
- 8                 classroom, eyeglasses for full-time use in school,
- 9                 eyeglasses for part-time use in school, sight-saving
- 10                eyeglasses, and any other recommendations, and
- 11           g. name, address and signature of the examiner+.

12           D. No student shall be prohibited from attending school for a

13           parent's or guardian's failure to furnish a report of the student's

14           vision screening or an examiner's failure to furnish the results of

15           a student's comprehensive eye examination required by this section.

16           E. School districts shall notify parents or guardians of

17           students who enroll in kindergarten, first, or third grade for the

18           2007-08 school year and each year thereafter of the requirements of

19           this section.

20           F. The State Board of Education shall adopt rules for the

21           implementation of this section except as provided in subsection B of

22           this section. The State Department of Education shall issue a

23           report annually on the impact and effectiveness of this section.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2013.

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3 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON COMMON EDUCATION, dated 02/06/2013  
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