

# Vision Screening Recommendations

AGE	TESTS	REFERRAL CRITERIA COMMENTS
Newborn to 12 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ocular history</li> <li>Vision assessment</li> <li>External inspection of the eyes and lids</li> <li>Ocular motility assessment</li> <li>Pupil examination</li> <li>Red reflex examination</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refer infants who do not track well after 3 months of age.</li> <li>Refer infants with an abnormal red reflex or history of retinoblastoma in a parent or sibling.</li> </ul>
12 to 36 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ocular history</li> <li>Vision assessment</li> <li>External inspection of the eyes and lids</li> <li>Ocular motility assessment</li> <li>Pupil examination</li> <li>Red reflex examination</li> <li>Visual acuity testing</li> <li>Objective screening device "photoscreening"</li> <li>Ophthalmoscopy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refer infants with strabismus.</li> <li>Refer infants with chronic tearing or discharge.</li> <li>Refer children who fail photoscreening.</li> </ul>
36 months to 5 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ocular History</li> <li>Vision assessment</li> <li>External inspection of the eyes and lids</li> <li>Ocular motility assessment</li> <li>Pupil examination</li> <li>Red reflex examination</li> <li>Visual acuity testing (preferred) or photoscreening</li> <li>Ophthalmoscopy</li> </ul>	<p>Visual Acuity Thresholds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ages 36-47 months: Must correctly identify the majority of the optotypes on the 20/50 line to pass.</li> <li>Ages 48-59 months: Must correctly identify the majority of the optotypes on the 20/40 line to pass.</li> <li>Refer children who fail photoscreening.</li> </ul>
5 years and older*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ocular history</li> <li>Vision assessment</li> <li>External inspection of the eyes and lids</li> <li>Ocular motility assessment</li> <li>Pupil examination</li> <li>Red reflex examination</li> <li>Visual acuity testing</li> <li>Ophthalmoscopy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refer children who cannot read at least 20/32 with either eye. Must be able to identify the majority of the optotypes on the 20/32 line.</li> <li>Refer children not reading at grade level.</li> </ul>

\*Repeat screening every 1-2 years after age 5.