

# Kindergarten Vision Requirements

The Iowa Legislature passed Senate File 2251-the Student Eye Care Act that went into effect starting the 2009-2010 school year. This law requires schools to distribute the Student Vision Card in ALL pre-school and Kindergarten registration packets. This card is produced by the Iowa Optometric Association and approved by the Department of Education.

This card states, “As a part of your back to school preparations, it is recommended that you take your child and this card to your family eye doctor for a complete eye health examination.” While it is not required that the child receive a comprehensive eye exam, it is an important step to assessing a child’s vision health and how good vision relates to a child’s ability to learn. In the past, Grant Wood Area Education Agency provided vision screening annually for Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. However, due to budget cuts, vision screening is no longer being done on any child in school. To fully assess your child’s visual health, regular professional exams are recommended.

