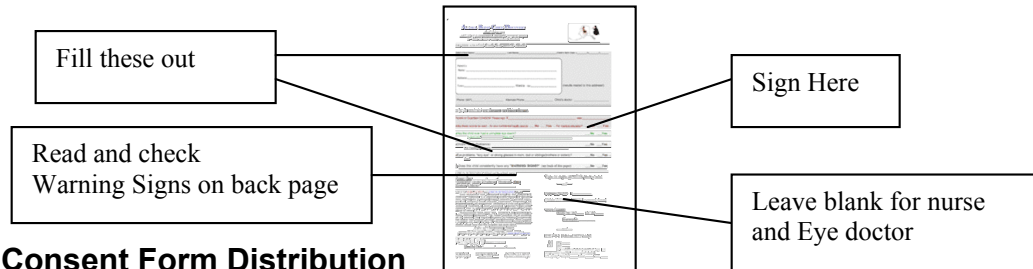


Consent Forms for School Vision Screening Project Early Elementary Students

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that children have frequent, thorough vision screening with a complete eye exam by age 5 and even sooner if there are warning signs. With Photoscreening, an objective form of vision screening, there is a 90% success rate in finding childhood amblyopia, a curable eye disease due to a wide variety of causes that disrupt vision. Note: *There are no known risks factors from flash photographs.* Photoscreening identifies which children should have their first complete eye exam **early**. Approximately 5% of this population group are affected.



Consent Form Distribution

Parents: please send the signed forms promptly to your school nurse. Once returned, your school nurse will collect the completed forms and screening dates will be arranged. This acuity and photographic screening is designed to cause a minimum of disruption to classroom activities. This vision screening is free.

Directions for completing the Consent Form

- Complete the top portion of the first page (Identification). Make any needed changes on the mailing label.
- Parent or guardian must sign in the shaded area and complete all the questions under Health History. Make sure to check any applicable "Warning Signs in Children's Eyes" on the back page. Check the box only if the child consistently has any warning signs.
- Return this completed form to your classroom teacher and/or school nurse.
- The technician will complete the lower portions and mail results of the screening to the address listed.
- Parents will be notified if their child passed the screening, or was referred to their nearest, convenient eye doctor for a confirmatory exam. *Even if you have had recent eye exam, please participate and ABCD will use recent exam in lieu of confirmatory examination.*

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact your school nurse or the ABCD Coordinating Center (276-1617)

This study, ASD-ABCD*, is an adaptation of the ongoing vision screening, ABCD, endorsed by the Providence Institutional Review Board since 1966. Results from the 2004 ASD-ABCD screening have positively affected national school vision screening policy (Leman RE, Clausen MM, Bates J, Stark L, Arnold KK, Arnold RW. A comparison of patched HOTV visual acuity and photoscreening. *J Sch Nurs.* August 2006;22(4):237-243.)

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