



The First Examination Your Child Should Have This School Year.

What do children use most when they go back to school? It's not their backpacks. It's not their pens and pencils. It's their eyes. Yet studies show that only 31% of children between the ages of 6 and 16 have an annual eye exam. That number drops to just 14% for children under 6 years, the age at which most vision problems can be treated before permanent damage occurs.

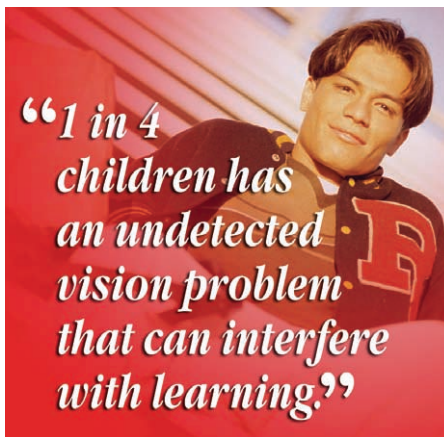
So it's not surprising that 20 million children will go back to school this year with a vision problem that may interfere with their ability to learn, contribute to disciplinary problems and put them at risk for permanent vision loss.

But what about the "vision screenings" performed by a school nurse or a pediatrician? Won't they detect

vision problems? Only partially. According to a study conducted by the National Institutes of Health, vision-

screening methods detected only 40 - 65% of children with vision problems.

The answer is a comprehensive eye examination performed by your neighborhood Vision Source eye doctor. Even if a child has passed a vision screening, a comprehensive eye examination can reveal diseases or other conditions such as Amblyopia (Lazy Eye) that would go undetected in a screening. And if a vision problem is detected, your family eye doctor can begin treatment immediately.



Vision is critical to learning. So make sure your child is really ready to go back to school. Schedule a comprehensive eye examination today.

What to Expect from a Comprehensive Eye Exam?

To assure that your child enjoys the best vision possible and good eye health, a comprehensive eye examination should evaluate the following:

- **Internal & External Eye Health**
An internal and external examination of the eyes for signs of possible disorders, such as cataracts or retinal problems.
- **Current Prescription**
An evaluation of the current eyeglass prescription, if applicable.
- **Visual Acuity**
A test of the ability to see sharply and clearly at all distances.
- **Refraction**
A test of the eyes' ability to focus light rays exactly on the retina at distance and close-up.
- **Tonometry**
A computer measurement of internal eye pressure to test for glaucoma.
- **Visual Coordination**
A test for eye coordination and muscle control.
- **Focusing Ability**
A test to measure the eyes' ability to change focus.

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