



**RE: VISION SCREENING
ON KINDERGARTEN NEW ENTRANTS**

Children entering Kindergarten are required to have a vision screening or an eye examination **PRIOR** to entering school in accordance with Michigan House Bill 5094.

THE BERRIEN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT TECHNICIANS WILL NOT BE SCREENING ANY KINDERGARTEN CHILDREN'S VISION AFTER THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL. **

WHEN: The child's vision screening or eye examination must have taken place **BETWEEN THE AGES OF THREE AND FIVE YEARS OF AGE. HOWEVER, BEST PRACTICE IS WITHIN SIX MONTHS OF STARTING KINDERGARTEN**

BY WHO: A vision screening may be performed by a licensed medical or osteopathic physician, or by a BCHD Vision Technician. Optometrists and Ophthalmologists may perform either an eye examination or a vision screening.

DOCUMENTATION ACCEPTED:

The parent should provide to the school with one of the following:

- A completed green physical form
- A letter or statement from an eye doctor
- A preschool vision screening form from a Berrien County Health Department (BCHD) Vision Technician
- Headstart children will sometimes have a form that indicates they have had a vision screening done by either a Vision Technician or an eye doctor.

****Exceptions will be made if requested by the parent or school staff**