



Lions Screen Kids Sight

Program Summary

Sample script to use when calling new schools to introduce Lions vision screening:

I'm calling to introduce you to the Lions School Vision Screening Program for Yavapai County - **Lions Screen Kids Sight**. The Lions of Yavapai are offering free vision screenings primarily for students in pre-K through second grade, plus fourth grade to comply with the newly released ADHS vision screening rules, using the Welch Allyn Spot Vision Screener. This program supports early literacy development by identifying potential vision impediments. A number of organizations have published peer-reviewed papers in support of vision screening of children using this type of device including National Institutes of Health, American Academy of Optometry, American Academy of Ophthalmology, and American Academy of Pediatrics.

This sophisticated screening instrument can, in seconds, screen children for:

Astigmatism (irregularly shaped corneas or lenses) **Myopia** (nearsightedness)
Strabismus (misalignment of the eyes or lazy eye) **Hyperopia** (farsightedness)
Anisometropia (unequal refractive power) **Anisocoria** (pupil size anomalies)
Amblyopia risk factors (reduced vision in one eye)

Screenings are done at a distance of one meter with a camera-type instrument, in low light, completed in seconds, with immediate results. No drops, special precautions, or physical contact with the student are required. The students can be back to their normal schedule in minutes. The Lions provide to the school the Pass or Refer results of each student's screening, without further detail. For students who pass, no further action is needed. For those students that are Referred, the school should communicate to parent or guardian in every case that the screening indicates their child should be further examined by an eye care professional to investigate potential eye disorders. The Lions can provide a sample referral notification letter. The school should follow up in 6-8 weeks on such referrals for professional diagnosis.

In order for the Lions to perform vision screening, we require a Memorandum of Understanding between the school and the Lions, which will list the grades the Lions plan to screen at that school. For all private schools including pre-schools, we require a consent form signed by the child's parent or guardian, which becomes part of the Memorandum of Understanding. We will also address program changes due to the release of ADHS rules for 2024-2025.

The Lions can provide a sample screening consent form.

In 2018, during our pilot program we vision screened 1978 students in Yavapai County, pre-k through 4th grade, in 11 elementary schools and had 104 referrals. In 2019 we screened 5869 students with 582 referrals in 27 schools. In 2020 and 2021 we screened fewer schools and fewer students because of the COVID -19 virus with a rebound in 2022 and 2023. All of the schools were happy with these events and want us to return. We would like to meet with you at your convenience to further discuss this program.

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