



Lions Screen Kids Sight

Status of Vision Screening Certification in AZ

Included in the 2019 vision screening legislation is a requirement for trained personnel to conduct all vision screenings. The required training is either AZ Vision Screening Certification training or those individuals who were trained by other entities before 8/27/19. The specific language is in Article 2, Section B of SB1456:

A School Nurse, A Volunteer Or Other School Personnel Who Have Undergone Training Developed Or Approved By The Department Shall Administer The Vision Screenings Except That Those Individuals Who Are Trained To Administer Vision Screenings Before The Effective Date Of This Section Are Not Required To Retrain Pursuant To This Subsection.

Status for 2024: Now that the Rules are released by ADHS as listed in 9 A.A.C. 13 Department of Health Services - Health Programs Services - ARTICLE 1. HEARING AND VISION SCREENING - Supp. 24-2, this is the proposed course of action:

Schools will need to report the following data, annually for vision screening (This will probably only apply to preK/K up through the age of 5, for the Kids Sight program.)

1. Name of screener:
 - a. **Proposed Action:** This will be the name of Team Leader or event Lead Screener.
2. Copy of screener's certificate of completion:
 - a. **Proposed Action:** Team Leader's or event Lead Screener should bring with them a copy of their **Lions KidSight USA Foundation** Certified Vision Screener certificate, if it is dated before 8/27/19. They should present that certificate to fulfill this requirement. *(It is recommended that as a precaution, they also bring a copy of their AZ Vision Screening Certificate, but not present it. Once we have established using our KidSight certificates, the AZ screening Certificates will no longer be needed, unless a new team leader in the future was certified through KidSight after 8/26/19. In that case, the new Team Leader would need to get an AZ Vision Screening Certificate and present that.)*

This exception to the vision training requirements has also been written into the rules listed in 9 A.A.C. 13 ARTICLE 1. Hearing And Vision Screening, Section R9-13-112, Sub-Section B.4.c.:

vii. Requirements in A.R.S. Title 36, Chapter 7.2, and requirements in this Article; and

Title 36, Chapter 7.2, Article 2 - VISION SCREENING FOR CHILDREN (§ 36-899.10)

A.R.S. § 36-899.10, Section B: A school nurse, a volunteer or other school personnel who have undergone training developed or approved by the department shall administer the vision screenings except that those individuals who are trained to administer vision screenings before August 27, 2019 are not required to retrain pursuant to this subsection.

For the Yavapai County Kids Sight program, this is the date of our vision screeners first received their Lions KidSight USA Foundation Certification and it only applies to those screeners that had secured their Kid Sight Certification by 8/26/19. We may be requiring Lions to recertify at some point, but that does not have any impact on the date of their original training, if it was before 8/27/19. When Lions recertify, we recommend that they keep their original certification, if it was before 8/27/19, and submit a copy of their original certification when requested by the schools.

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