

# Brunswick County Schools: Vision Screening Procedures

As a result of the Parent's Bill of Rights (SB 49), parental consent is required to administer vision screenings. All schools participating in vision screenings must have signed parental consent forms for any child participating in a vision screening. **Do not use the old opt-out forms. Written parent permission is required.** Please work with your school principal to secure a date that will be convenient for your school. Determine targeted grade levels based on the Prevent Blindness recommendations. Send the Lions Club parent permission forms home 2 weeks prior to the date of screening. Dr. Gordon Burnette will be sending out district information prior to the start of the first vision screenings and posting the Lions Club vision screening schedule on the district website. If you have questions, please contact Wanda Willis.

BCS district procedures are outlined as follows:

1. The school nurse will receive copies of the Lions Club consent form in English and Spanish at least 3 weeks prior to the designated screening date. The form is a front/back document with English on one side and Spanish on the other side. Consent forms should be sent home 2 weeks prior to the scheduled screening date.
2. School nurses should collect parental consent to screen forms from classroom teachers.
3. Prior to the vision screening date, school nurses should make a copy of all parental consent forms received and staple the consent to the orange permanent health record in the student's cumulative record.
  - If the signed consent to screen form is not returned, the student **will not** receive a vision screening.
4. During the screening process the school nurse or designated BCS employee will remain in the screening location at all times to ensure identification of the correct student and signed consent.
5. The student will then follow the prompts given by the Lions Club personnel.
6. If a student refuses the screening, the parents will be contacted about the refusal.
7. School nurses will record vision screenings in PowerSchool.
8. The School Nurse will send a vision screening referral letter home with students who do not pass the screening so a follow up full eye exam can be scheduled with a doctor.
9. If a parent requests a copy of the Lion's Club screening, the School Nurse will provide the copy of the screening results to the parent.

*Note: Vision Screenings will occur according to schedule set by the Lion's Club and the school nurse at each designated school each year.*