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Vision Screening Certification

(1) Definitions:

(a) “Education provider” means:

(A) Oregon prekindergarten as defined in OAR 581-019-0005 to 0035; and

(B) School district board as defined in ORS 332.002.

(b) “Eye examination” means an eye exam that:

(A) Is conducted by a person licensed by the Oregon Board of Optometry under ORS 683.010 to 683.340; or

(B) Is conducted by a person licensed by the Oregon Medical Board under ORS 677 and trained in eye surgery and eye disease; and

(C) Involves any diagnosis of the eye and any measurement or assistance of the powers or range of vision of the eye.

(c) “Health care practitioner”, for the purposes of this rule, means a Physician (MD), Physician’s Assistant (PA), Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) licensed by the Oregon Medical Board, a Nurse Practitioner licensed by the Oregon State Board of Nursing, or a Naturopathic Physician licensed by the Board of Naturopathic Medicine.

(d) “Vision screening” means an eye screening test to identify potential vision health that is conducted by:

(A) A person licensed by the Oregon Board of Optometry under ORS 683.010 to 683.340;

(B) A person licensed by the Oregon Medical Board under ORS 677 and trained in eye surgery and eye disease;

(C) A health care practitioner as defined in Section (1)(c) of this rule;

(D) A school nurse, an employee of an education provider, including a licensed Registered Nurse or Nurse Practitioner working for a school district to provide school health services, or a person designated by the Department of Education who has completed instruction on how to perform vision screening by an established program which:

(a) Is evidence based; and

(b) Uses medically accepted standards for screening by non-medically licensed persons, including volunteers.

(e) "Vision Health Record", for the purposes of this rule, has the same meaning as "Education Records" in OAR 581-021-0220(6).

(2) Each education provider must:

(a) Require a student who is age seven or younger and entering an educational program for the first time to submit certification within 120 days of the student beginning school, that the student received:

(A) A vision screening or an eye examination; and

(B) Any further eye examinations or necessary treatments or assistance of the powers or range of vision of the eye.

(b) If a child enters an educational program without certification of vision screening provide the parent with informational resources about:

(A) Student vision screenings, eye examinations; and

(B) Any further examinations or necessary eye or vision treatments.

(c) File in the students vision health record any certifications or results of vision screening or eye examination;

(d) Ensure that the requirements of this rule are met.

(3) A student is not required to submit certification required in subsection (2) of this rule if the student provides a statement from the parent of the child that:

(a) The student submitted certification to a prior education provider; or

(b) The students or parents religious beliefs are contrary to vision screening or eye examination.

- (4) Failure by a student or parent to meet the requirements of this rule may not result in prohibiting the student from attending school, but may result in withholding report cards or similar actions.
- (5) Certification of a vision screening or eye exam is documented using any written communication method selected by the screening entity to report results of the screening and/or eye exam to parents. The communication must include the:
 - (a) Child's name;
 - (b) Screening and/or eye exam date;
 - (c) Results of the screening and/or eye exam; and
 - (d) Name of the entity conducting the screening and/or eye exam.

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