



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Re: Eye See . . . Eye Learn™ program - Alberta Health covered eye exams and free eyeglasses for kindergarten students.

Your School Division recognizes the important links between vision, eye health and learning, which is why we are proud to support the Eye See...Eye Learn™ program developed by the Alberta Association of Optometrists. Through this program, Doctors of Optometry will provide an eye exam to determine if your child has the correct vision and will diagnose and treat any eye health problems before they enter the school system.

There is Alberta Health Care coverage towards eye exams for all children (0 to 18) with a Doctor of Optometry; however, if it's determined your kindergarten student requires eyeglasses, they will be provided free through the Eye See . . . Eye Learn™ program.

Why it's important:

- 80% of learning is visual.
- 1 in 4 school-aged children has a vision problem, and more than 43% of children who have a vision or eye health problem can pass a basic vision screening.
- It's not uncommon for parents to believe they would know if their child has a vision problem, however these issues can be hard to spot particularly if there is a problem in only one of the eyes.
- Children with vision problems are often misdiagnosed as having a learning or behavioural disability.
- The earlier an eye health of vision problem is identified, the more likely it can be corrected.

How you can participate:

- Read the information brochure included.
- Book an eye exam for your child with your Doctor of Optometry. No referral or form is required.
- Make annual eye exams a part of your child's health checklist.

If your family does not have a Doctor of Optometry, please visit www.optometrists.ab.ca and click on the "Find an Optometrist" link. When you enter your postal code, a list of Doctor's of Optometry close to your home will be listed. If you see "Fribbit" the frog beside the Doctor of Optometry's name, they are an Eye See . . . Eye Learn™ optometrist.

Please contact the Alberta Association of Optometrists with any questions at 1-800-272-8843 or email esel@optometrists.ab.ca

Thank you for helping us ensure your child reaches their full potential!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rhae-Ann Holoien". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Rhae-Ann Holoien
Superintendent of Schools