



Appleton Area *School District*

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Consent for Vision Screening Appleton Area School District and Appleton Noon Lions Club

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Regular vision screening is important, and the American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO) suggests that during childhood, babies up to age 2 should have vision screening during regular pediatric visits and then screening every one to two years for ages 3 to 19.

The Appleton Area School District, in collaboration with the Appleton Noon Lions Club, will be providing vision screening for students at Einstein Middle School on January 24, 2018. This screening is made possible through grants from St. Elizabeth Hospital/Ascension and from the Pfefferle Family Foundation. Volunteers from the Appleton Noon Lions Club will be doing the screening with a SPOT camera, an automated vision screening technology. To effectively address vision issues in children, the SPOT Camera has been developed to quickly detect the most common treatable vision conditions in children such as:

- Refractive errors (*nearsightedness, farsightedness, unequal power and astigmatism*)
- Amblyopia (*lazy eye*)
- Strabismus (*crossed eyes*)
- Comparative analysis for unequal refractive power – anisometropia
- Unequal pupil size – anisocoria

SPOT takes a picture from about 3 feet away and parents are provided with a printed summary of the vision screening. The screening time for students is typically less than 10 seconds. **If your child currently wears prescription eye glasses or contact lenses, please be sure he/she is wearing the prescription lenses for this screening.**

Automated screening does not replace a complete and comprehensive eye examination by an optometrist or ophthalmologist, nor can it detect all eye diseases or conditions. Screening determines if your child requires the immediate attention of a vision care specialist.

If you ***do not*** wish to have your child participate in this vision screening, please contact our school office at 920-832-6240.

Sincerely,

Joseph T. Bernhardt
Associate Principal/Activities Director