



**Iowa Department of Public Health  
10 Quick Facts  
About Iowa Child Vision Screening**

1. The law is in place; however the guiding administrative rules will tentatively take effect May 6th, 2015.
2. Schools are still required to hand out the green student vision card.
3. Schools may conduct vision screenings.
4. Schools will be able to fax or email all child vision screening certificates or other proof of vision screenings provided by parents and green student vision cards received to IDPH
5. Schools may collect any other evidence of a child vision screening from a parent to forward to IDPH (written letter from the doctor or provider as defined in the rules, screening form from a local public health agency, etc.).
6. There are **NO AUDIT** requirements
7. There is a list of acceptable providers who may conduct vision screening in the guiding rules. This includes Iowa KidSight and the Lion's Club Volunteers as acceptable providers.
8. A list of acceptable, age-appropriate vision screening tests will be housed on the IDPH Web site soon. In the meantime, please proceed with the current screenings your school provides.
9. Kindergarten Screenings: A screening will be valid if it done up to 1 year prior to enrollment and no later than 6 months after enrollment
10. 3rd Grade: A screening will be valid if it done no earlier than 1 year prior to the first day of school and no later than 6 months after the first day of school

***Please direct questions regarding IRIS to the IRIS Help Desk at 800-374-3958 and questions regarding vision screening to Melissa Ellis at [melissa.ellis@idph.iowa.gov](mailto:melissa.ellis@idph.iowa.gov).***