



Dear Parent or Guardian:

During the 2020-2021 school year, Reed City Area Public School District and Mecosta-Osceola Intermediate School District, in coordination with Vision To Learn (VTL), will offer eye exams, and, if necessary, glasses for your child. **These services will be provided at school at no cost to you.**

VTL is a non-profit organization that works in communities across the country to provide high quality vision care to students. Vision care is an important component of education; students that cannot see clearly often struggle to learn, to read, to see the board, and to succeed academically.

If your child fails Vision To Learn's screening, a trained and licensed optometrist will perform a basic eye exam on your child, and prescribe glasses if appropriate. Vision To Learn's exam will also identify and refer students in need of additional follow-up vision care. The modified screening exam provided by Vision To Learn does not involve eye drops or dilating your child's eyes. Vision To Learn provides a modified screening exam with a full refraction. Receiving vision services provided by Vision To Learn's mobile clinic will constitute a routine vision examination and eyeglasses that may be billed to your child's Medicaid benefits. Additional exams are available based on medical eye care needs on a referral basis.

Following the eye exam, if your child needs glasses he/she will have the opportunity to pick from a variety of frames, and glasses will be ordered for your child. Approximately two to three weeks later, a trained and licensed optician will return to your child's school to distribute the glasses they selected, customized with their prescription, and make sure they fit correctly. The eye exam and eyeglasses are available to all students who fail a vision screening, at no out-of-pocket cost to your family.

In order to conduct the screenings and exams accurately, Reed City Area Public School District will share your student's name, date of birth, parent name, and vision screening results from the prior school year with VTL. VTL will share your student's eye exam results with Reed City Area Public School District to be included in their school health record.

If you wish to decline your child receiving a vision screening and eye exam, please check the box below, sign and date it, and return this letter to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

Return this form if you DO NOT want your child to receive a vision screening and exam:

I **DO NOT** give permission, for my child _____ to participate in the Vision To Learn program.
(Student's name)

Parent's Signature

Date

Phone

Email

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Reed City Area Public School District at 231-832-2201.

Sincerely,

Mr Michael L. Sweet, Superintendent, Reed City Area Public School District