

Marysville School District

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

District Vision Screening

In accordance with the new Washington State Law, WAC 246-760, students in K,1,2,3,5 and 7th grades will be screened for "Near and Distance" vision. Near vision acuity, means the ability of the eye to see objects with clarity at close range, also termed near point acuity or near acuity. Previously we had only screened for distance vision. "Distance vision" means the ability of the eye to see images clearly at a calibrated distance.

The Marysville School District Nurses will be using 2 screening tools 1) LEA symbol or HOTV letters charts and 2) Welch Allyn Spot Vision Screener – a handheld Photo screener.

The Spot screener has been available since 2012 and widely used. School Nurses of Washington did extensive research of the various screeners, ultimately selecting the Spot or Plusoptix screener for use in their individual districts.

The new photo screener will allow for more accurate and complete screening including the following results:

- Hyperopia (farsightedness)
- Myopia (nearsightedness)
- Astigmatism (blurred vision)
- Anisometropia (unequal refractive power)
- Anisocoria (unequal pupil size)
- OD (right eye) OS (left eye)

This is only a screening. You will receive a notice for referral to a vision specialist if the screening results are out of normal range.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact your building nurse. Thank you,
Marysville School District Nurses