



**ELMIRA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT - LION'S CLUB  
CONSENT FOR EXTRA VISION SCREENING**



Your child's school is teaming up with the Lion's Club, to offer a vision screening test that is above and beyond what is required by New York State. State law requires the school nurse to check your child for near vision, distant vision, and color vision problems at some grade levels. The Lions Club will bring inspecial equipment that checks kids for significant eye problems that can lead to amblyopia ("lazy eye").

The test is done by trained Lion's Club volunteers, at school during the regular school day, and at no cost to your family. We'll have your child come to the school nurses' office and ask him/her to look for a few seconds at a smiley face on the front of a small machine held by the examiner - it's quick, it's not scary for kids, causes no discomfort, and involves no touching by the examiner. The test can find vision problems that may not be caught by screenings the school nurse does, but that can make it harder for your child to focus on his/her work and to learn in school, and throughout his/her lifetime.

We will send you a letter afterward only if a possible eye problem is found. If your child's test is normal, you will not receive any letter. In this case, "no news" is "good news"!

**IMPORTANT:** The Lions Club provides this screening as a community service- it is not intended to replace a complete examination by an eye doctor. While the vision screener equipment is a very sophisticated, scientific, clinical instrument, it may give false positive or false negative results. False positive means the screening shows a possible problem, but further examination by an eye doctor finds no problem. False negative means the screening shows no problems, but examination by an eye doctor would uncover a problem. This is why it is called a "screening", and not a diagnostic test - it is the same with all health screenings, including near and distant vision, blood pressure, etc. If you have concerns about your child's eyes or vision, or if people in your child's immediate family have had a "lazy eye", your child should have a complete examination by an eye doctor - even if he/she passes this screening.

**Please sign and return to the school no later than 01/12/24, if you wish your child to be screened.**

Lion's Club Vision Screening

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE LETTER AND GIVE PERMISSION FOR THE LION'S CLUB TO PERFORM THIS VISION SCREENING ON MY CHILD:

Student \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

(Date)