



Attention: Kindergarten Teachers

Starting school can be both exciting and challenging for kindergarten students. The Alberta Association of Optometrists wants to reduce the challenges by ensuring all children can see and fully experience everything you are bringing to the classroom.

How Kindergarten Students Participate*

Step 1 Find a participating optometrist at www.optometrists.ab.ca. Click on Find an Optometrist and **Eye See...Eye Learn™**, then enter your postal code to find a doctor close to you. **Call and book an appointment.**

Step 2 See your optometrist for the eye exam. Have your health card ready, because **the exam is covered by Alberta Health.**

Step 3 If required, kindergarten students will **receive a free pair of eyeglasses.** Ask to see the frame selection available. The optometrist will order your glasses for you.

It's a barrier free program for all kindergarten students

Eye See . . . Eye Learn™ is a free program available to all kindergarten students. It provides **free eye glasses** to any child who has had an eye exam with an optometrist and is found to need glasses. As all children's **eye exams are covered by Alberta Health**, the program is barrier free for all kindergarten students. All their parents need to do is book an appointment and tell the clinic they are participating in the program.

KINDERGARTEN
students
FREE
Glasses

FREE eyeglasses
are covered
by a one year
manufacturer's
warranty



You can help

We have provided you with an information package for each of your students. Please send one envelope home with each student.

Why it's critical



- 80% of classroom learning is visual.
- 1 in 4 children have some form of vision problem.
- Many vision problems must be treated early in order to correct the issue.
- Children with vision problems are often misdiagnosed as having learning or behavioural disabilities.
- Children often don't know they have a vision problem, as they believe what they are seeing is normal.
- Parents often don't know their child has a vision issue, because these issues can be hard to spot particularly if there is a problem in only one eye.
- More than 43% of children who have a vision or eye health problem can pass a basic vision screening or sight test. A comprehensive eye exam by an optometrist is accurate and will check for a number of possible vision problems.
- Just as children grow, so too do their eyes. An annual eye exam is very important.

For more information about **Eye See...Eye Learn®**, contact the Alberta Association of Optometrists at 1-800-272-8843 or visit www.optometrists.ab.ca/esel

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