

## **VISION SCREENING**

### **Parents:**

**In the next few weeks Vision Screening will be done at your child's school.**

### **WHO WILL BE SCREENED:**

Children in grades 1, 3, 5, 7, Special Education and 9<sup>th</sup> grade in conjunction with Drivers Education and those requested by parents or teachers.

### **WHO WILL DO THE SCREENING:**

St. Clair County Health Department Vision Technicians trained by Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

### **HOW IS THE SCREENING DONE:**

Screening is done according to the guidelines specified by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

### **SCREENING:**

Children are screened for visual acuity, muscle control and far sightedness. Any child who cannot pass this first screening is put on a rescreen list.

### **RESCREEN: (Does not apply to middle/high schools)**

In two to four weeks, the technician will return to your child's school and any child who did not pass the initial screening will be rescreened. If the child cannot pass the second screening, he/she is considered a referral. A St. Clair County Health Department technician will contact the parent and encourage them to seek an exam by an eye care professional.

### **OTHER THINGS YOU MIGHT LIKE TO KNOW:**

Children who already wear glasses will be screened with their glasses on to determine if their prescription is still current.

If your child is in a grade that is not scheduled for screening and you would like him/her screened, just let the teacher know before screening day.

Children rarely complain about their vision and you may not suspect they are having a problem. Poor vision can affect a child's academic performance, his/her social skills and self-esteem.

If the child does not have insurance and financial help is needed to pay for an eye exam or glasses, parents are encouraged to contact St. Clair County Health Department at (810)987-5300 **before making an appointment with an eye care professional.**