

YOUR CHILD FAILED THE FORM 3300 VISION SCREENING

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The purpose of the Form 3300 Vision Screening required for school entry in Georgia is to notify **YOU** that your child may not be able to see well enough to learn.

Did you know?

Most of what a child learns is through vision. A child who cannot see well misses much of what is going on around him including things in the classroom.

Many prekindergarten children have a vision problem that could cause permanent vision loss or even blindness if not detected and treated early.

Vision problems in school age children can impede learning.

Why treat vision problems?

Because they may lead to:

- **PERMANENT VISION LOSS OR BLINDNESS** in one or both eyes
- Poor performance in school
- Frustration with reading and writing
- Behavior problems or short attention span
- Poor hand-eye coordination, clumsiness and increased risk of injury
- Difficulty with sports
- Lack of confidence or self-esteem

But your child hasn't complained?

He may not realize he has a vision problem or know how to describe it. Children with poor vision rarely know that the way they see the world is different from the way others with good vision see it. This is especially true if the problem is only in one eye.

You haven't noticed a problem?

That's not unusual. Many vision problems cannot be seen.

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It's hereditary?

That doesn't mean that there is no treatment or that your child has to suffer vision loss.

What should you do?

1. Make an appointment now with an eye doctor who sees children — either an ophthalmologist or optometrist. It is not enough to see a pediatrician. Only an eye doctor can diagnose vision problems and prescribe treatment.
2. Do not wait. Children's vision problems do not go away and they are not outgrown. Lack of treatment may result in permanent loss of vision or even blindness. In the meantime, your child is missing what's going on around him. And yes, even young children can have eye exams.
3. Follow all recommendations for vision treatment as instructed by the eye doctor.
4. Ask that the eye doctor's report to be sent to your child's primary doctor.

How do you find an eye doctor?

1. Ask your pediatrician for a recommendation or ask the parent of a child who wears glasses.
2. If your child has insurance, call the provider services number on the insurance card or access the provider's web site to find the names of local doctors who accept the insurance.
3. When calling to schedule the appointment, ask if the doctor accepts new patients (if applicable). Be sure to mention your child's age and confirm that the doctor will see a child of this age.

