



2018 Vision Screening Manual Addendum

Add this document to your screening manual.

Did House Bill 3157 cause any changes to the rules?

No.

HB 3157 amended the Health and Safety Code by adding subsection (b-1): The rules must allow an individual who attends a public or private school to be screened using photo screening to detect vision disorders. However, current rules (Texas Administrative Code, Title 25 Part 1, Chapter 37) already allow for the use of photo screening in a manner that is consistent with American Association for Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus (AAPOS) recommendations so no rules changes were necessary.

What are the approved methods for screening children for vision problems?

The gold standard for testing visual acuity in children 6 and older is an approved eye chart.

- Children 6 and older = approved visual acuity wall chart **or**
approved visual acuity wall chart & photoscreener
- Children through 5 years = photoscreener
- Children with disabilities (at any age) who do not respond well to the visual acuity eye wall chart = photoscreener

Note: Children 6 and older, who have a disability and do not allow visual acuity to be tested with an approved eye chart, can be tested using a photoscreener. However, children in this group who pass photoscreening may still need to be referred for further evaluation at the schools' discretion.

Did anything change?

AAPOS no longer recommends the use of Tumbling E charts. Schools are required to use approved eye charts - the HOTV and the Sloan Letter.

When does this change go into effect?

Starting in School Year 2018-2019

How does this change affect the vision screening manual?

All reference to "Tumbling E", shall be omitted, on the following pages:
pp. 1, 7, 18, 19, 24, 30, 31, 53 (Form M-60), 61, 62