

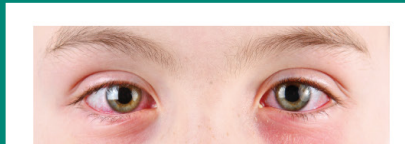
Healthy vision is important for learning and success in school. 1 in 20 preschoolers and 1 in 4 school-aged children has a vision problem, and you may not even know it! Sometimes children have trouble seeing and don't even realize they are seeing the world differently than others. Children with vision problems may misbehave because it is hard for them to see to learn. In order to catch these problems early, Prevent Blindness Wisconsin recommends a complete vision screening every year for children between the ages 3 and 6, and at ages 8, 10, 12, 15, and 18. There are some things that you may notice as a parent. Read and answer the following questions about your child:

Appearance Questions

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| 1. Do your child's eyes not fully line up, cross in, or turn out? | YES | NO |
| 2. Are your child's eyes red, encrusted, or swollen? | YES | NO |
| 3. Are your child's eyes watery or itchy? | YES | NO |
| 4. Do your child's eyes not fully open? | YES | NO |



Eyes Do Not Line Up



Red Eyes



Eyes Not Fully Open

Behavior Questions

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| 5. Does your child rub their eyes a lot? | YES | NO |
| 6. Does your child close or cover one eye when looking at something far away? | YES | NO |
| 7. Does your child tilt their head when trying to see or read something far away? | YES | NO |
| 8. Does your child squint or frown when trying to see far away? | YES | NO |
| 9. Does your child blink more than normal? | YES | NO |
| 10. Does your child hold books close to their face? | YES | NO |
| 11. Does your child sit close to the TV or computer? | YES | NO |

Complaint Questions

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| 12. Does your child say "it's too blurry"? | YES | NO |
| 13. Does your child say "my eyes hurt/burn"? | YES | NO |
| 14. Does your child say "I feel dizzy/sick/ I have a headache"? | YES | NO |

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, please make an eye doctor appointment for your child.

Guides to local eye doctors are available on wisconsin.preventblindness.org or ask your child's school nurse for help!

What to do if You Suspect a Problem

1. If you have a private vision insurance plan – please contact your plan’s Member Services to find an eye doctor.
2. If you have BadgerCare Plus (Medicaid) – please contact Member Services at 1-800-362-3002 or at memberservice@wisconsin.gov.
 - If your child does not have an HMO, you do not know your child’s HMO, or your child is not currently enrolled in BadgerCare Plus, please contact your local BadgerCare Plus Consortium Office, listed below, for assistance.
3. If you cannot afford vision care or glasses, financial assistance may be available. See our voucher criteria below.

Voucher Program Criteria Includes:

- Family income is at or below 200% of poverty level (if your family meets the criteria for free and reduced lunch, you will qualify)
- Child is not covered by Medicaid or any other vision insurance
- Child is 19 years old or younger and has not graduated high school
- Child has not used a voucher during the last 12 months

***If you would like more information about getting a voucher, please contact your school nurse or Prevent Blindness Wisconsin at 414-765-0505.**

BadgerCare Plus Local Consortium Contact Information

| CONSORTIUM | COUNTIES SERVED |
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| Bay Lake Consortium: 1-888-794-5747 | Brown, Door, Marinette, Oconto, Shawano |
| Capital Consortium: 1-888-794-5556 | Adams, Columbia, Dane, Dodge, Juneau, Richland, Sauk |
| East Central IM Partnership: 1-888-256-4563 | Calumet, Green Lake, Kewaunee, Manitowoc, Marquette, Outagamie, Sheboygan, Waupaca, Waushara, Winnebago |
| Great Rivers Consortium: 1-888-283-0012 | Barron, Burnett, Chippewa, Douglas, Dunn, Eau Claire, Pierce, Polk, St. Croix, Washburn |
| IM Central Consortium: 1-888- 445-1621 | Langlade, Marathon, Oneida, Portage |
| Milwaukee Enrollment Service (MilES): 1-888-947-6583 | Milwaukee |
| Morraine Lakes Consortium: 1-888-446-1239 | Fond du Lac, Ozaukee, Walworth, Washington, Waukesha |
| Northern IM Consortium: 1-888-794-5722 | Ashland, Bayfield, Florence, Forest, Iron, Lincoln, Price, Rusk, Sawyer, Taylor, Vilas, Wood |
| Southern Consortium: 1-888-794-5780 | Crawford, Grant, Green, Iowa, Jefferson, Lafayette, Rock |
| Western Region for Economic Assistance: 1-888-627-0430 | Buffalo, Clark, Jackson, La Crosse, Monroe, Pepin, Trempealeau, Vernon |
| WKRP: 1-888-794-5820 | Kenosha, Racine |