



WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION

Dear Parent/Guardian:

As part of our commitment to provide the best opportunities for students to achieve success, the Winnipeg School Division is pleased to announce a new initiative. The Winnipeg School Division has partnered with **Mobile Vision Care Clinic (MVCC)** to provide complete vision care for all students at your child(ren)'s school.

Surprisingly, one in three children entering school has a vision disorder. Many of these children accept poor vision and other eye problems because they are unaware that their vision is not the same as that of other children. The Canadian Association of Optometrists recommends that children receive a complete eye examination by an optometrist every 12 months after starting school.

A team of two optometrists, a licensed optician, optometric assistants and eyeglass specialist(s) will attend your child's school to provide comprehensive eye exams with dilation (please see the attached Dilating Eye Drops Information Sheet) and provide them with glasses, if required. Parents/guardians are invited to attend their child's appointment and to help with the selection of eyeglasses.

Manitoba Health covers the cost of children's eye exams and direct billing will be done by the Mobile Vision Care Clinic staff. For some students, eyeglasses may be covered through 3rd party insurance such as Employment Income Assistance (EIA), Non-Insured Health Benefits (Status) or a 3rd party insurance company. Funds are also being donated and raised for families who have no 3rd party coverage and are not in a position to afford the cost of prescription eyeglasses.

If your child requires glasses, they will be delivered to your child's school. Eyeglass delivery and fitting will take place approximately 3 weeks after MVCC has been at the school. Additionally, if your child is identified as having a visual impairment, he or she will be referred to the appropriate specialist.

In order to have your child's eyes examined by the Optometrist, you will be required to complete the attached Eye Examination Consent Form (yellow form). Consent covers eye examinations (covered by Manitoba Health) for your child while their WSD registration is current. Please complete **one form per child**, in full, and return it to the school immediately.

If you require any further information, please contact the school.



Mobile Vision Care Clinic

This personal information is being collected under the authority of the Winnipeg School Division and will be used for purposes of early identification of children's vision difficulties.

It is protected by the Protection of Privacy provisions of The Freedom of Information and Protection Act.

If you have any questions about the collection of information, please contact Julie Millar, Director of Student Services, 1577 Wall Street East, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3E 2S5, 204-775-0231.