

Kindergarten Eye Exam Special

Good vision is critical to your child's learning experience. To help you meet the kindergarten enrollment requirements for Northern Wells Community Schools, Drs. Matt Mitchell and Michelle Frye at Bluffton Family Eye Care are offering a full eye health and vision examination (\$140 value) for \$39. This offer applies to children who are enrolling in kindergarten for the first time in 2021. Just call 824-3424 to schedule an appointment and bring this letter with you. We look forward to seeing you!

FAQs:

Q: Why is my child required to have an eye exam before starting school?

A: The state of Indiana wants to insure your child gets the best start possible as they begin their formal education journey. 80% of the information a child processes comes through their eyes. Many children who struggle in school are later found to have an undiagnosed vision problem that is affecting school performance.

Q: If my child had a vision problem, wouldn't they complain about it?

A: Usually not. The typical child believes that how they see is normal, even if they are struggling. Also, a child may be compensating for good vision in one eye but not the other, or have poor depth perception but not know it. Even children with very poor vision rarely complain.

Q: What is the difference between a full eye exam and a vision screening?

A: There is much more to vision than reading letters on an eye chart. A full eye exam with a doctor of optometry or ophthalmology tests the muscle balance, eye tracking, depth perception, near focusing ability, color perception, and health of the eyes, as well as letter chart acuity.

Q: Can my child have an eye exam if they don't yet recognize letters?

A: YES! The doctors use many reliable techniques to examine children, often utilizing simple shapes and pictures that do not require letter or number recognition.