

Child Visual Health and School-Based Vision Screening Program 2018-2019



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A year in review

Public Health Sudbury & Districts offered vision screening to Senior Kindergarten (SK) students in the school setting and promoted children's visual health as per the Ontario Public Health Standards.



- 82 schools participated
- 96% of schools were invited to participate in the vision screening
- 100% of invited schools participated in the program

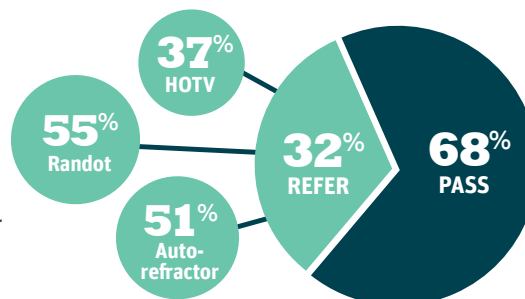


1760
students screened

A total of 1760 SK students were screened using a short sequence of tests including the HOTV, Randot and Autorefractor.

32% (n=555) were referred to an optometrist for a comprehensive eye exam, of which:

- 37% (n=208) were referred for HOTV
- 55% (n=305) were referred for Randot
- 51% (n=285) were referred for Autorefractor



All students were encouraged to visit an optometrist as an important part of their regular visual health care routine.

7 excluded

3 automatically referred

11 unable

2 refused

174 absent



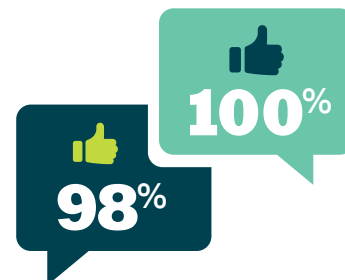
197 not screened

11% (n=197) of SK students were not screened, of which:

- 88% (n=174) were absent
- 2% (n=3) were automatically referred
- 4% (n=7) were excluded
- 1% (n=2) refused
- 5% (n=11) were unable to participate

Overall feedback was positive:

- 98% (n=748) of students rated their experience as good.
- 100% of teachers felt that staff were approachable and knowledgeable.
- 100% of teachers felt that the time to complete the screening tests was acceptable and that classroom disruption kept to a minimum.



Overall, parents were supportive of vision screening in schools and sought additional visual health information online, via Public Health Sudbury & Districts' website, social media channels, vision screening phone line, and email as needed.

For more information visit phsd.ca/visionhealth or call 705.522.9200