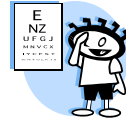




ATTENTION!!! Counselors, Social Workers & Nurses



The Miami Lighthouse Heiken Children's Vision Program is dedicated to providing free comprehensive eye examinations and eyeglasses to economically disadvantaged schoolchildren in Miami-Dade County. Please use the following information to aid in assisting families with funding vision care for students who do not pass the vision screening.

Miami Lighthouse Heiken Children's Vision Program – Instant Vision Program

The Instant Vision Program at your School provides an efficient and comprehensive way to service the most students in the least amount of time:

- **The following criteria determines program eligibility:**
 1. **Student qualifies for free or reduced school meals**
 2. **Student does not have private insurance that covers eye exams**
 3. **Student does not have Medicaid or Kid Care that covers eye exams**
 4. **Student is unable to access eye health care (financially disadvantaged children who may not meet the first three eligibility criteria and who are deemed unable to access eye health care)**
- After permission forms (at least 20) are signed by parent/guardian, the Instant Vision bus or van can be scheduled to visit the school site. Procedures and parent permission forms may be obtained at:

<http://www.miamilighthouse.org>

or

<http://comprehensivehealthservices.dadeschools.net>

- On the scheduled date: An eye care physician (optometrist) administers comprehensive eye examinations to qualifying students. An eye care technician assists with diagnostic testing and fitting prescribed eyeglasses.
- If prescribed, an optician dispenses eyeglasses at the school site, approximately two to three (2-3) weeks after the examination.
- The Program serves 20-25 students in a school day.
- To schedule an appointment for a mobile unit to visit to your School, please call (305) 856-9830.

Miami Lighthouse Heiken Children's Vision Program – In Office Program

If you have less than 10 students in need of eye care that meet the eligibility criteria, a Request for Eyecare Appointment form may be obtained at:

<http://www.miamilighthouse.org>

or

<http://comprehensivehealthservices.dadeschools.net>

Administrators, nurses, social workers and counselors may use this form to refer a student directly to the Miami Lighthouse Heiken Children's Vision Program. Once a referral is faxed, an appointment will be faxed back to the school contact, who delivers the form to the parent/guardian. Please observe the following guidelines:

- **Eligibility criteria are the same as listed for the Instant Vision Program.**
- Students will be scheduled for appointments with participating eye care physicians (optometrists) throughout Miami-Dade County and as close to their home as possible.
- If glasses are lost or broken within the year of a student's appointment, there is a \$40 replacement fee.

For more information, please call Carmen Arguijo at the Miami Lighthouse – Heiken Children's Vision Program at (305) 856-9830.

