Existing Policy

5.0410.01 VISION SCREENING AT ENROLLMENT Issue Date: 4/10/97

A child under seven (7) years of age entering school for the first time in this state must present one of the following to the school:

- 1. A certificate signed by a licensed physician, optometrist, or other licensed health professional approved by the Division of Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired, State Office of Education, stating that the child has received vision screening to determine the presence of amblyopia or other visual defects.
- 2. A written statement signed by at least one parent or legal guardian of the child that the screening violates the personal beliefs of the parent or legal guardian.

The District shall conduct free vision screening clinics for children aged three-and-one-half (3 1/2) to seven (7), but may not use a licensed health professional who provides vision care to private patients as a part of the clinic.

District personnel shall cooperate with the Division of Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired in following up on students who fail vision screening.

Utah Code § 53A-11-203

The District shall report to the Division of Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired the screening results from the free vision screening clinics, and shall report any other information, which is required by the Department of Health.

Utah Code § 53A-11-203 (4)

Recommended Policy (USBA Model Policy)

5.0410.01 *VISION SCREENING AT ENROLLMENT:* Health Requirements and Services

A child under nine years old entering a public school for the first time in this state must present one of the following to the school:

- 1. A completed vison screening form signed by a health care professional certifying that the child has received an adequate vision screening; or
- 2. A written statement signed by a parent that the child will not be screened before attending public school in the state.

The District shall conduct free vision screening clinics for children who are at least 3 1/2 years old but not yet 16 years old who enrolled at a school within the boundaries of the District pursuant to Utah Code § 53G-9-404.

A volunteer who serves as a vision screener for a free vision screening clinic for a qualifying child must be either trained by a school nurse or complete the Department of Health online training module and must be supervised by a school nurse or an outside entity conducting screening for the District consistent with Department of Health regulations. A vision screening volunteer may not market, advertise, or promote a business in connection with assisting at the screening clinic.

Screening provided under this policy shall follow the procedures and standards set out in Utah Administrative Rules R384-201.

<u>Utah Code § 53G-9-404 (2019)</u> Utah Admin. Rules R384-201 (July 9, 2020)