Statistically, one-third of students in underserved communities have undiagnosed vision deficits that impact their learning.





#### VISION TO LEARN CONNECTICUT

#### What is Vision To Learn?



- □ Vision To Learn is a national nonprofit that provides mobile school-based vision care program, free of charge to students and families
- ☐ Founded in 2012 in Los Angeles
- Launched in CT the 2021-22 school year

### Overview





- Operations in 14 states
- □Serve children in underserved communities
- Public private partnership
- ■By the numbers:
  - 1.2 million+ vision screenings
  - 300,000+ eye exams
  - ■250,000+ eyeglasses
- MOUs with school districts and community organizations to provide services

#### Overview cont.

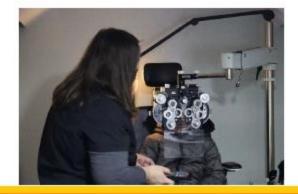


Vision Screening: Licensed optician walks to each class and screens each student using Welch Allyn Spot Screener.

Example: Screening class of  $25 = \sim 10$  minutes

- Eye Exam and Glasses Selection: Students who fail vision screening and/or already wear glasses are examined by a licensed optometrist on our mobile clinic. Exams are roughly 15 minutes.
  Students choose their frames from a wide selection.
- Glasses Dispensing: Licensed optician returns to fit the glasses, and lost/broken glasses replaced for free for 1 year.







### CT Program



- Launched this school year, 2021-22
- Targeting Alliance Districts to serve students most in need first
- Partnerships with seven school districts
  - East Hartford
  - ■East Haven
  - Winchester
  - Vernon
  - Manchester
  - Thompson
  - Ansonia
- Opt out basis opt out forms sent home to parents/guardians

#### **Documents**

**Opt out forms:** Sent home before vision screenings to each child's family. Completed and returned to school if parent/guardian does not want to receive free vision services. Available in multiple languages.

**Eye exam letter**: Informational document sent home before eye exams to families of children to be examined on mobile clinic. English and Spanish.

**Vision evaluation form:** Provided to each child examined with their results. English and Spanish.

**Referral form:** If student is being referred, they will also receive a referral form with their reason for referral and local providers. English and Spanish.

Glasses brochure: Provided to each child receiving glasses with glasses use and care information. English and Spanish.

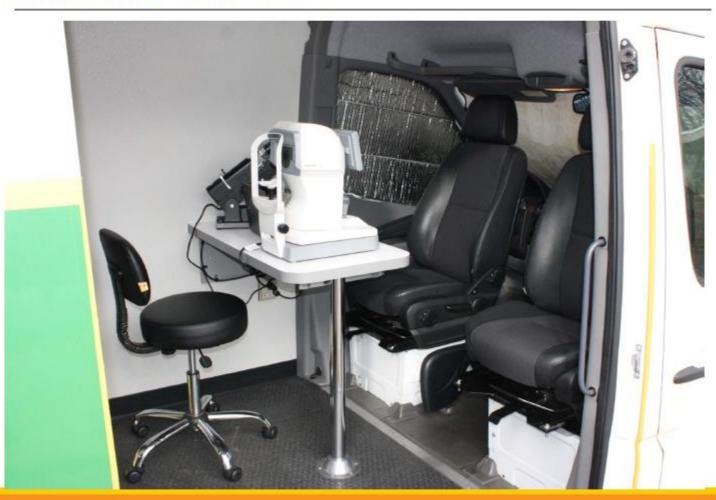
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