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2026–27 School Year

Welcome to Screening!

Vision for Baltimore — School Prep Meeting

Johns Hopkins University & Medicine

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Baltimore City Public Schools

Baltimore City Health Department

Warby Parker

About Vision for Baltimore

Vision for Baltimore brings free vision screenings, eye exams, and glasses directly to Baltimore City Public Schools — removing barriers to vision care so every student can see clearly, learn confidently, and thrive.

Our Impact

150,221
Students Screened

26,510
Comprehensive Eye Exams

21,729
Pairs of Glasses Prescribed

11 Years
of Service to Baltimore City Students

Our Partners

Johns Hopkins University & Medicine
Program support & evaluation

Baltimore City Health Department
Vision screenings

Warby Parker
Eyeglasses and replacements

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Vision screenings, eye exams and, glasses

Baltimore City Public Schools
Connects students & families to care

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Program Overview

Phase 1 + Phase 2

Phase 1 — Vision Services

Screening → Consent → Eye Exam → No-Cost Glasses

Phase 2 — Monitoring

Monitoring → Education → Support → Replacements

Screening vs. Exams

Screenings

BCHD/VTL

A quick vision check for every student at school — it flags a possible vision problem, but it isn't a diagnosis.

Exams

VISION TO LEARN (VTL)

A full eye exam by a licensed optometrist on the van, for students who failed and have consent — where glasses get prescribed.



Today's Meeting

What We'll Cover

1. Program Overview
2. Your screening dates and what to expect
3. Walking through the pre-screening checklist together
4. Consent options for families
5. What we'll need from your team, and by when

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THE PROCESS

Here's How Screening Works

01

Vision Screening

BCHD screens all Pre-K to 12th grade students at Vision for Baltimore schools.

02

Consent Forms

Students who fail the screening get an exam once we receive a signed consent form.

03

Vision To Learn Exam

A licensed optometrist performs the exam; students select their frames.

04

Warby Parker Glasses

VTL returns with completed glasses in approximately 4–6 weeks.

LET'S FILL THIS IN

Your School's Up Next

V4B is coming to your school!

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SCHOOL CONTACT

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SCREENING DATE

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Step 1

Pre-Screening Checklist

Let's walk through it together (click link for checklist)

PHASE 1

School Pre-Screening Checklist

Helping schools prepare for a successful vision screening — acknowledgement of understanding

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SCHOOL	SCHOOL CONTACT	SCREENING DATE

1 TWO+ WEEKS BEFORE SCREENING

- ☐ Send a Parent Information Letter (from BCHD) home at least two weeks before screening
- ☐ Encourage families to update contact information
- ☐ Email BCHD/VTL student roster (Name, ID, DOB, Address, Phone, Gender, Grade) — cc V4B

2 WEEK OF SCREENING

- ☐ Email class/lunch **(fill in below)** schedules to BCHD — cc VTL, cc V4B
- ☐ Identify primary school contact
- ☐ Confirm screening date
- ☐ Notify administrators and teachers
- ☐ Submit student opt-out list (in writing, via email or letter)
- ☐ New enrollees: send the BCHD parent letter; tell the nurse if screening already passed

3 FINAL PREP

- ☐ Add testing dates, field trips & calendar changes below
- ☐ Email completed checklist to BCHD — cc VTL, cc V4B
- ☐ **Print 4 copies of the student roster for BCHD (day-of)**

LUNCH SCHEDULE

GRADE	TIME

NOTES

IMPORTANT NOTES

For BCHD: room should be at least 20 feet long with 3 tables and 3–4 chairs. Location must stay the same all day.

For VTL: let us know whether you'd prefer screening in classrooms or in a designated screening area.

Day-of reminder: BCHD needs 4 printed roster copies on screening day. Both the emailed version and the 4 printed copies are required.

PART 1

Parent Communication

Here's what we'll need from your team before we arrive.

Before Screening

- Send a Parent Information Letter (from BCHD and/or VTL) home at least two weeks before screening
- Inform parents that electronic consent forms are coming to their email
- Encourage families to update contact information

Opt-Outs

VTL/BCHD provides an opt-out letter. Families notify the school in writing, and the school passes opt-outs to the BCHD/VTL team before screening begins.

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PART 2

Partner Communication

A few items we'll ask your office to send to BCHD, Vision To Learn, and V4B.

1. Email BCHD/VTL student roster (Name, ID, DOB, Address, Phone, Gender, Grade) — cc V4B **(printed copies also needed, see below)**
2. Identify primary school contact
3. Email class & lunch schedules to BCHD, VTL and V4B
4. Confirm screening date & notify administrators and teachers
5. Submit student opt-out list (in writing, via email or letter)
6. Send testing dates, field trips, and calendar changes
7. **Final step:** email completed checklist to BCHD — cc VTL, cc V4B

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VTL Screening Protocol

All Elementary & Middle Schools

Starting in the 2026–27 school year, VTL screens non-mandated grades — only students in grades 2 through 7th. The screener works either in one room designated by the school, or travels classroom to classroom with their equipment, during school hours until complete. VTL leaves a copy of the results with the school and shares results with V4B.

Select Schools Only

Not every school participates. VTL screenings are offered only at schools pre-determined by VTL/BCPS/V4B this year — check with your V4B contact to confirm your school is on this year's list. Where offered, high school screening follows the same day-of process.

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Schedules

Lunch Schedule & Room Needs

Please share your lunch schedule by grade, and note the room requirements below.

Lunch Schedule

Grade	Time
[Grade]	[Time]
[Grade]	[Time]
[Grade]	[Time]

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Step 2

Consent Collection

How families say yes



Consent Options

How Families Can Consent

Format

Electronic

Families complete the form online through a shared link, QR code, or email invite.

Phone

V4B and schools call parents directly to walk through the form and collect consent.

Paper

A printed consent form is sent home, signed, and returned to the school.

Universal vs. Targeted

Universal Consent

Collected from all families upfront, so a student can move straight to an exam right after screening.

Targeted Consent

Sent only to families of students who fail the vision screening, so the exam can follow.

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Step 2

Consent Follow-Up

Follow-Up Plan

- ☐ School will call parents of students who fail screenings
- ☐ Schools will identify wrong numbers and reaching families that cannot be reached
- ☐ Schools have 1-2 weeks to gather consents

⚠️ Obstacle Alert

Incorrect contact information may block outreach — no consent means no exam. Schools can help by:

- ☐ Calling families from a school phone number
- ☐ Distributing paper consents provided by V4B
- ☐ Approaching parents at drop-off/pick-up for verbal or written consent

We're here to help. Reach out for help with calls, paper consent forms, or support reaching families.

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Step 3

Exams

On-site exams, and glasses delivery



STEP 3

Vision Van, Exams & Glasses Delivery

01 Exam Scheduling

Once a signed consent form is on file, VTL schedules an on-site exam.

02 On-Site Eye Exam

A licensed optometrist examines the student at school.

03 Frame Selection

Students choose Warby Parker frames on the spot.

04 Delivery & Follow-Up

The Vision Van returns in 4–6 weeks with finished glasses.

On Exam Day

- VTL confirms the start time during scheduling; wrap-up depends on dismissal
- Staff or volunteers walk students to the clinic, or the office calls them down
- 3–4 students per clinic at once, ~30–40 minutes each
- Optician will communicate when a group is done
- 15–20 students per clinic per day; VTL sends an End of Day Report

> **Important:** The school is responsible for coordinating and calling students down, and escorting them to and from the exam.

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Wrap-Up

Key Reminders

85%

Consent Goal

Failed screening + consent on file = follow-up exam

- ☐ Students must be present to be screened or examined
- ☐ Without a signed consent form on file, a student cannot receive an exam
- ☐ Staff to escort students during screenings and exams are essential
- ☐ Students MUST have consent within 24-48 hrs BEFORE the exam to be seen

No Parents/Teachers on the Van

The vision van has limited space. Parents and school staff should not board unless VTL has given prior permission — an exception is made only for stu
with special needs who require support.

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Congratulations!

Phase 1 Is Complete!

Coming up next: Phase 2 — ongoing monitoring, education, resources, and glasses replacements. A dedicated session will walk through it in full.

Up Next: Phase 2 Monitoring

Tracking student vision needs over time, ongoing family education, replacement glasses for lost or broken pairs, and continued support — details in our next session.

Thank You!

Questions? v4b@bcps.k12.md.us

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