



Vision To Learn provides a concrete solution, real hope, and a simple, yet powerful tool to help kids in need. The tool? A pair of glasses.





The non-profit was founded in Los Angeles in 2012 to ensure that every child in America has the glasses they need to succeed in school and in life. It now operates in 124 school districts and more than 325 cities in 13 states, becoming the largest school-based program of its kind.

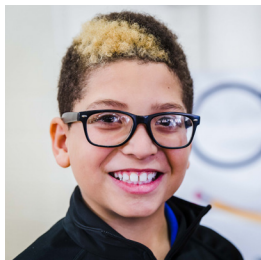
How many kids in public schools lack glasses?

One in five kids in public schools lacks the glasses they need to see the board, read a book, or participate in class; and in low-income communities, 95% of kids who need glasses do not have them. Students with uncorrected vision problems often avoid reading, suffer headaches, and can have trouble focusing in class, as 80% of learning during a child's first 12 years is visual. Additionally, students not proficient in reading by the end of third grade are more likely to drop out of school.

How many kids receive glasses from Vision To Learn?

Vision To Learn mobile clinics solve the problem by bringing eye care and glasses, free of charge, to children at schools in low-income communities. Grades of kids who receive glasses from Vision To Learn improve almost 8% on average, according to UCLA researchers. The non-profit has helped screen more than 900,000 kids, examined more than 199,000, and provided glasses to more than 158,000 -- all free of charge. In some states, Vision To Learn has figured out how to get reimbursed from Medicaid for a portion of its costs. This ability to access public funds, combined with philanthropic support, allows Vision To Learn to serve communities on a sustainable basis. Here's how Vision To Learn works:

-  Vision To Learn collaborates with schools and community partners to provide vision screenings to students.
-  A Vision To Learn mobile clinic comes to the school or community organization where a Vision To Learn optometrist provides eye exams to students who fail their vision screenings.
-  Students who need glasses pick a pair of frames from a large selection in the mobile clinic.
-  Students receive new glasses in about two weeks, free of charge.



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HELPING KIDS IN GEORGIA

Vision To Learn launched in Georgia in 2017. To date, it has provided more than **6,000 eye exams** and more than **5,000 glasses** to students in the state.

THE NEED IN GEORGIA

There are about 1,750,000 students enrolled in Georgia public schools. Based on district data, Vision To Learn estimates that about **210,000** children need **eye exams** and of those, **170,000** need **glasses**.