



# ARE YOUR STUDENTS STRUGGLING TO SEE?

## Vision problems are on the rise for children.

Experts say that by 2050, nearsightedness could affect half of the world's population. A third of U.S. children ages 12 to 17 are currently affected, an increase from 24 percent in the 1970s.

## Consider these facts.

- Untreated vision problems can lead to problems at school.
- Nearsighted children struggle to read the board.
- Farsighted children have difficulty doing close work, such as reading, drawing, or writing.
- Poor vision could lead to behavior and social issues, as well as difficulty playing sports.

## About half of school-age children have never had an eye exam.

The American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO) recommends that children receive regular professional vision screenings, yet one in 10 parents has never taken their kids to the eye doctor.

## SHARE THE PARENT FACT SHEET

Download and photocopy the **Parent Fact Sheet** to help prep your students for success. Encourage parents to schedule an eye exam for their children.

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