



**Vision To Learn**  
Focus on the Future

# CALIFORNIA



## WHO WE ARE

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.

## THE CHALLENGE

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. Uncorrected vision issues can have profound consequences on students' mental health: a 2022 study in Ophthalmology showed that vision impairment is strongly linked to anxiety and depression among children

## THE SOLUTION

Vision To Learn mobile clinics solve the problem by bringing eye care and glasses, at no cost, to children at schools in low-income communities. We have helped screen more than 2,300,000 kids, examined more than 470,000, and provided glasses to more than 380,000 -- all at no cost. Here's how we did it:

- 1 We collaborate with schools and community partners to provide vision screenings to students.
- 2 A mobile clinic comes to the school or community organization where one of our optometrists provides eye exams to students who fail their vision screenings.
- 3 Students who need glasses pick a pair of frames from a large selection in the mobile clinic.
- 4 Students receive new glasses in about two weeks, free of charge.

## HELPING CALIFORNIA

Vision To Learn launched in California in 2012. To date, we have provided more than 244,000 eye exams and over 198,000 glasses to students throughout California

## THE NEED IN CALIFORNIA

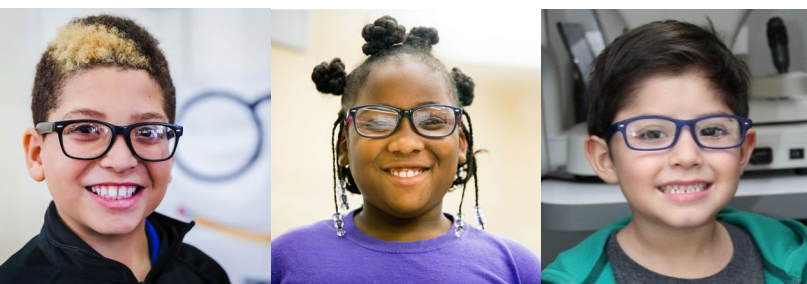
There are about 6,200,000 students enrolled in California public schools. Based on district data, Vision To Learn estimates that about 625,000 children need eye exams and of those, 500,000 need glasses

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