



Snellen/Sloan Cheat Sheet

The **Snellen/Sloan Chart** (10 ft.) is recommended for school-age children (6-17 years).

Set Up

- Find a quiet, well-lit room with minimal distraction from outside noise or other students.
- Measure 48" from the floor to the 20/32 line and tape the chart to the wall (the chart should be at the child's eye level).
- Measure and mark (with masking tape) 10 feet from the wall and have the child stand with his or her **arches** on the line.
- Use alcohol wipes to clean occluder paddles between turns 3-4 times or until they dry out.

Testing Procedure: Snellen/Sloan

1. Cover the **left** eye with the occluder to screen the **right** eye first. Be sure that the occluder paddle is touching the side of the child's nose. Do not use a hand to cover.
Note: If the child is wearing glasses, do not remove them.
2. Make sure child's head is straight so they cannot peek around the side of the occluder and begin screening. **Note: Child should keep both eyes open throughout screening.** The paddle is simply there to cover the eye.
3. Using a pointing device of your choice (i.e., capped pen) point to one letter on a line and move down the chart to the critical line **20/32** as quickly as possible. Do not use your finger to point.
4. If a child 'misses' a letter, confirm that they can identify 3 out of 5 letters on that line before continuing down the chart. If they do not correctly identify 3 out of 5 letters, move up one line at a time until they can correctly identify 3 out of 5 letters on a line. Make note of the lowest line they are able to obtain with that eye.
5. Cover the right eye with the occluder and repeat the process as you screen the left eye.
6. To pass, the child must correctly identify **3 out of 5** letters on their critical line, **20/32**, in each eye.
7. If the child did not pass the vision screening in either eye, he or she should be rescreened. Repeat this process. (Rescreening should be done no later than 6 months after the initial screening.)
Note: Any sign of the ABCs (Appearance, Behavior, Complaints) is an automatic referral (even if they passed on the 20/32 line). Please make note of this on appropriate documentation.
8. Record results on appropriate documentation, noting the lowest line(s) that they are able to correctly identify 3 out of 5 letters. (i.e. 20/32, 20/40, 20/60, etc.). *Children must obtain visual acuity of 20/32 in **each eye** in order to pass the screening.*

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