

Pediatric Eye Specialists Offers Back-to-School Pediatric Eye Exams in Fort Worth, Texas

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Pediatric Eye Specialists, an ophthalmology practice with a pediatric optometric branch located in Fort Worth, Texas, is scheduling comprehensive pediatric eye exams at its Fort Worth office ahead of the 2026-2027 school year. PES's three optometrists provide pediatric eye exams for kids starting the school year, while their four ophthalmologists offer medical eye exams from its location at 321 S. Henderson Street in the Fort Worth Medical District. Exam timing, content, and insurance handling are detailed in the practice's article, [?Back to School Eye Exams Fort Worth.?](#)

According to Pediatric Eye Specialists, August is the highest-volume month for pediatric eye exams at the Fort Worth office, and appointment availability narrows daily as the first day of classes approaches. The practice reports that families who schedule this week have the best access to remaining early-morning exam times, which begin at 7:00 a.m. When a pediatric eye exam in Fort Worth results in a glasses prescription, lens turnaround typically takes several days, which leaves little cushion for exams booked in the final weeks before school starts.

The American Optometric Association reports that one in five preschoolers in the United States has a vision problem and that one in four children will need or wear corrective lenses by the time they enter school. The same organization reports that vision screenings administered in schools can miss up to 75 percent of children with vision problems, and that among students who are identified through those screenings, 61 percent never follow up with an eye doctor. Texas public schools conduct vision screenings, which test distance visual acuity on a chart and do not evaluate focusing ability, eye teaming, or the medical health of the eye.

A comprehensive pediatric eye exam at the Fort Worth office runs approximately one to two hours, including dilation time. The exam includes age-appropriate visual acuity testing for children who have not yet learned letters and for preverbal infants, cycloplegic refraction using dilating drops that relax the focusing muscles so refractive error can be measured accurately, assessment of eye alignment and tracking, depth perception and binocular vision testing, and a medical examination of eye health. PES pediatric eye exams in Fort Worth

check for myopia (nearsightedness), hyperopia (farsightedness), and astigmatism, but the exams go well beyond a standard vision check, also screening for amblyopia, strabismus, convergence insufficiency, ptosis (droopy eyelid), blocked tear ducts, pediatric cataracts, pediatric glaucoma, and uveitis. Because PES's optometrists and ophthalmologists practice under one roof, if any of these conditions are identified during an exam, the child's optometrist relays the relevant findings directly to one of PES's board-certified pediatric ophthalmologists, allowing for a prompt referral and follow-up rather than a delayed, disconnected handoff to an outside provider.

Pediatric Eye Specialists recommends a first comprehensive exam at six months of age when a pediatrician refers a child or when concerns such as poor tracking or misaligned eyes are present, a routine exam at age three, an exam before kindergarten or first grade, and annual exams through the school years for children with a significant glasses prescription or other health considerations. The practice also notes that nearsightedness in children is increasing nationally and that a back-to-school exam establishes a refractive baseline for tracking progression.

“A distance eye chart measures one thing, and a child who compensates by focusing harder can read that chart and still have a refractive error that makes sustained reading difficult,” said Dr. David F. Skanchy, MD, board-certified pediatric ophthalmologist at Pediatric Eye Specialists. “Cycloplegic refraction is the step that separates our comprehensive back-to-school eye exams from a screening. Scheduling that exam now, rather than waiting until the final weeks before school starts, leaves time to fill a prescription before the first day of classes.”

Dr. Skanchy completed his ophthalmology residency at the Kellogg Eye Center at the University of Michigan, where he served as chief resident, followed by a fellowship in pediatric ophthalmology and adult strabismus at the same institution. He is certified by the American Board of Ophthalmology, is a member of the American Association for Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus, and has published in JAMA Ophthalmology and the Journal of AAPOS. At the Fort Worth office he practices alongside three additional board-certified pediatric ophthalmologists and three pediatric optometrists, a group with more than 65 years of combined pediatric eye care experience.

Pediatric Eye Specialists is located at 321 S. Henderson Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76104, in the Fort Worth Medical District, minutes from Cook Children's Medical Center. The Fort Worth office is open Monday through Thursday from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Special Eyes Optical, located inside the Fort Worth office, stocks more than 500 children's frames and fills prescriptions written during pediatric eye exams. Exams are typically billed to medical insurance, including most Medicaid plans, and the practice's optometrists accept many vision plans. Benefits verification is available by telephone at 817-529-9949.

Pediatric Eye Specialists was founded in Fort Worth in 2002 by Dr. Eric A. Packwood and Dr. Alan A. Norman and provides pediatric eye exams, amblyopia treatment, strabismus treatment, and pediatric eye surgery in Fort Worth, Texas. Additional information about the practice and its Fort Worth location is available at www.pedieyes.com and through the practice's Google Maps listing. Appointments for the 2026-2027 school year are open at the Fort Worth office.

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