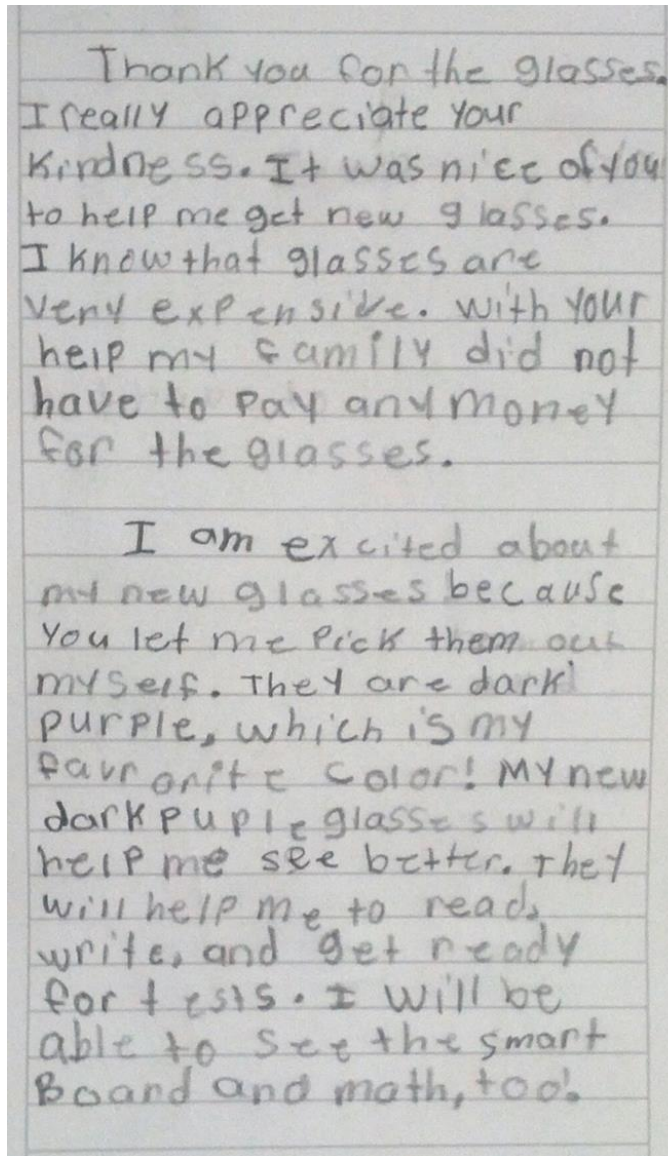


1 in 5 students  
need glasses and  
can't afford them

We provide **free** eye wear to students in the RCSD that are made by East High scholars, providing a needed service and needed skills for future success

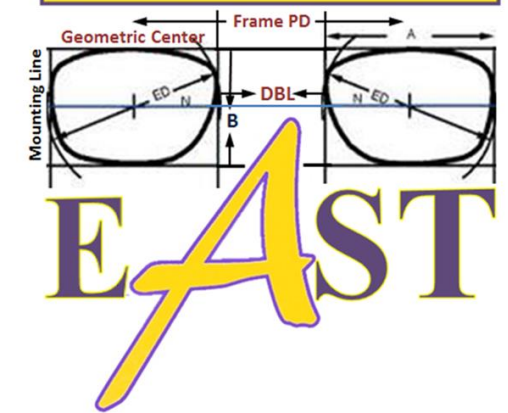


"When I work with other students I feel like a professional! It's a great feeling. I really want to do this as a job when I grow up!"



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# Vision Care



Where we provide  
scholars a vision of  
their future





“I love being able to help other students. I know I’m making a difference!”

Our scholars learn that the skills they have aren’t just for school, they are for life. They learn the importance of giving back to the community and helping their peers.

Scholars learn that they can be the difference we want to see in our community

## What is the program?

The East High Vision Care program is a NYSED accredited Career in Technical Education (CTE) program. This program started with a grant from NYSED to purchase materials and develop curriculum for a course unlike any other in NY.

This program teaches students the skills of a trained optician. The students at East learn to fit glasses to face shape, take measurements, make the glasses, and explain why people need glasses. This prepares students for college or employment in the optical fields.

First year students learn all the necessary skills and steps to make a pair of single vision glasses. The year end assessment is to make a pair of glasses for a patient. Second year students work with doctors as trained professionals, pre-screening patients, taking measurements, and fitting frames. They use advanced machinery and tools to make glasses for adults and for children.

## Prepare for College

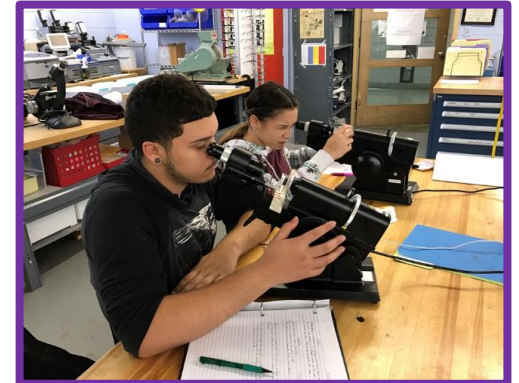
Students who complete the program are eligible for Career in Technical Education credit and endorsements on their diploma, as well as earning credit towards a degree in Vision Care from Erie Community College in Williamsville, NY. Optician jobs are in high demand in Rochester and opticians make an average of \$20 per hour.

## Find a Career

During the course of the school year students attend field trips to various local optical companies and local opticians and optical managers come in to talk with students. Current scholars and graduates of the Vision Care program are currently employed at many local optical stores.

## What do scholars do?

This program is a hands on training course providing scholars with real-world experience in making eye glasses. Over the 2015-2016 school year East High scholars helped to make more than 500 pairs of glasses for students in the RCSD. Scholars are able to use the skills they learn in class to help children throughout the Rochester City School District and prepare themselves for college or careers in the optical field.



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