

School Vision & Hearing Screening Notification

Effective Date: July 2022



The purpose of vision and hearing screening is to aid in the detection of school-age children who have or are at risk for developing vision/hearing disorders. These screenings are required by the Ohio Department of Health on an annual basis and will be administered following the required screening schedule:

- All new students to the district in any grade level
- All students in grades K, 1, 3, 5 (vision & hearing), 7 (vision only), and 9, 11 (vision & hearing)
- All students with undocumented follow-up from the prior school year
- A student referred by teachers, other school personnel, or parent/guardian request

Frequently Asked Questions:

Why is it important to have your child's vision and hearing screened at school?

- To identify if your child has vision problems or might be at risk for vision problems.
- Hearing is important for speech, language development, reading, and learning.
- A hearing screening can detect if your child needs further hearing testing.
- Even if your child has passed a hearing screening previously, their hearing can change.
- Hearing problems can be related to medical problems.

How will I find out the results of my child's vision and screening results?

- If your child passes the vision and hearing screening, you may not be contacted by the school nurse.
- If your child fails the screening, you will be informed of the test results and provided with referral paperwork.

What do I need to do if my child fails the vision or hearing screening?

- Vision and hearing screening provides a snapshot of how your child performs on the day the test was administered and is not a substitute for a complete eye exam by an optometrist/ophthalmologist or audiologist/ENT.
- Follow-up should be arranged with an eye specialist (optometrist or ophthalmologist) or a hearing specialist (audiologist or ENT).
- Provide the specialist with the referral paperwork and return it to the school once it has been completed.

What do I do if I need help finding a specialist in my area?

- If you should need help with resources for area specialists or financial assistance programs for eye/hearing exams, please contact your campus Licensed Practical Nurse.

What do I do if I choose not to have my child participate in screenings?

- If you should choose to opt-out of any part of the school vision and hearing screening, a written request will need to be provided to the campus Licensed Practical Nurse.