



SCHOOL VISION & HEARING SCREENING NOTIFICATION

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 NYS Department of Health on an annual basis and will be administered during the 2023-2024 school year to the following students:

- All new students
- All students in grades K, 1, 3, & 5 (vision and hearing)

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.

What tests are included in my child's vision screen?

- Observation
- Distance acuity
- Near acuity
- Color deficit test (if one has never been documented previously)

What tests are included in my child's hearing screen?

- Audiometry: Screening of hearing acuity

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.

****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 building's nurse.****