



When and what health screenings will be done on my child at School?

The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) sets the requirements for what grades are routinely screened each year; what equipment is acceptable to use; what specific hearing and vision tests are needed to perform the screenings; and the referral criteria. Schools providing medical services are required to screen school-aged students for hearing and vision.

Why is it important to have your child's vision screened?

To identify if your child has vision problems or might be at risk for vision problems.

Vision screening will consist of any of the following tests:

1. Observation (PS, K, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and new students).
2. Monocular Distance Visual Acuity (PS, K, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and new students).
3. Ocular Muscle Balance test (1 and new students).
4. Stereopsis test (PS, KG, 1 and new students).
5. Color Deficit test (males only, in K, 1 and new students).

Why is it important to have your child's hearing screened?

- 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.



Hearing screening will consist of the following test:

Audiometry: Screening of hearing acuity (PS, K, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11 and new students)

A vision and/or hearing screening provides only 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 or ophthalmologist, or a complete hearing evaluation by an audiologist.

You will only receive notification if your child *does NOT* pass the school's vision or hearing screening. This referral letter will recommend that you take your child for a comprehensive evaluation by a vision or hearing specialist. If you do NOT receive a referral letter in the mail, please assume that your child passed the screenings. Feel free to contact your school nurse if you have any questions or concerns.