



Vision and Hearing Screenings

VISION

Early identification, diagnosis and correction of vision disorders give children a better opportunity to develop educationally, socially, and emotionally. Vision screenings are done in accordance with guidelines established by the Ohio Department of Health (ODH). While school vision screening is a valuable public health procedure, it is not a substitute for professional eye care.

Students with glasses or contacts are checked wearing their corrective lenses.

Children who are screened:

- All children in kindergarten, first, third, fifth, and seventh grades according to the tests and methods recommended by the Ohio Department of Health
- All new and transfer students regardless of grade
- All hearing-impaired children, annually
- All children referred by a teacher
- Children whose parents request a vision screening Referrals will be mailed to parents if any test is failed on a second screening.

HEARING

Early identification, diagnosis, and treatment of hearing disorders are also essential to educational, emotional, and social development. While the hearing screening is a valuable tool, it is not a substitute for professional examination. Hearing screenings are done in accordance with guidelines established by the Ohio Department of Health and are usually conducted in the fall of the school year.

Children who are screened:

- School-aged children in traditional classes: Screened at the following grade levels: kindergarten, first, third, and fifth. Students may be tested in additional grade levels. In addition, the following school children shall be screened:
 - Students new to a school (and not tested within the past 12 months).
 - Students referred by a teacher or other school personnel.
 - Students absent during the previous hearing screening.
 - Students whose parents request a hearing screening.
- School-aged children in special education classes: Students in special education classes will be screened at the ages that correspond to the grade levels required for all students.



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These children remain in the screening program due to a higher risk of undetected hearing loss and may be candidates for optional OAE testing and tympanometry screening. If the student cannot be screened, they will be referred for a complete medical/ audiological evaluation. School-aged children not included in the school hearing screening program include the following:

- Students who wear hearing aids.
- Students who have a cochlear implant.
- Students with known hearing loss including sensorineural and progressive hearing loss. Referrals will be mailed to parents if their child fails a second screening, performed approximately four weeks after the initial test.

GENERAL SCREENING INFORMATION Any child can be exempted from screenings if examined by a licensed physician/specialist during the twelve months immediately preceding the date of school screenings. Parents should present school administration with a certificate to that effect in order for their child to be exempt from a screening. (O.R.C. §3313.69)