



Screening Notification

Annual Notification

Dear Parents,

Ohio revised code (ORC 3313.673) requires that by November 1 of the school year in which a child is enrolled for the first time, the child must be screened for vision, hearing, speech and communication, medical problems and any developmental disorders. If the screening reveals the possibility of potential learning needs, the School/District (CCPA) must provide further assessment.

Screenings are not intended to diagnose educational disability or to be used for placement procedures. Screening results are helpful in identifying areas of individual development that require further assessment for educational programming, particularly for students who might benefit from early intervention, prevention, acceleration and/or enrichment programs.

The Children's Hearing and Vision program sets the screening requirements and guidelines for school-based preschool and K-12 schools. 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.

During the months of September and October we will be assessing your student(s) who are in the following grades for hearing and vision:

Kindergarten and first grade.

In addition, the following students will be screened annually or upon occurrence:

- Students new to a school (and not tested within the past 12 months).
- Students referred by a teacher or other school personnel.
- Students who were referred within the past year with no documented follow-up, regardless of grade.
- Students absent during the previous hearing and vision screenings.
- Students at risk for noise exposure (e.g., band, vocational education, industrial education, automotive mechanics).
- Students who request a hearing and/or vision screening.

