

PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS OF STUDENTS
(Student Screening Programs)

The District requires health records of students under the following circumstances.

1. Kindergarten and first grade students entering school for the first time must have a completed health record before being admitted to school.
2. Health records are requested for all students transferring into the District. If the previous school does not forward a record or if it is incomplete, it is the parents' responsibility to comply with health requirements for students.
3. Students must have physical examinations prior to their participation in interscholastic athletic programs.

Annually, the District will notify parents of physical exams or screenings conducted on students except for vision, hearing or scoliosis.

The District nurses follow the requirements and recommendations from the Ohio Department of Health regarding health screenings of school age children. Currently, the nursing team conducts Districtwide screenings in the fall of each school year. All new and transfer students with no record of screenings in the previous 12 months should also be screened for vision and hearing.

Vision Screening

Distance visual acuity screening is required for grades K, 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9. Ocular muscle balance screening is required for kindergarten students. Color perception screening is required for kindergarten or grade 1 boys.

Hearing Screening

Hearing screening is required for grades K, 1, 3, 5 and 9.

Postural Screening

Postural screening is recommended for students in grades 6 and 8. Screening guidelines and referral criteria are provided by the National Association of School Nurses.

Blood Pressure Screening

Blood pressure screening is provided for students in grade 10. Blood pressure is measured with the student seated and the arm resting on a desk or table. The proper sized cuff will cover two thirds of the upper arm and overlap and fasten comfortably.

Multifactor Evaluations

Vision and hearing screenings will be provided for all students referred by the school psychologist. Results from screenings within the past three months may be used.

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LEGAL REFS.: The Elementary and Secondary Education Act; 20 USC 1221 et seq.
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CROSS REF.: JHCB, Inoculations of Students