

Mandatory Health Screenings

Screening tests are simple, short and inexpensive procedures which can be given to large numbers of students in a relatively short period of time. Screening tests are designed to identify students who have a potential problem and need to be examined by a health professional. Screening tests do not diagnose. The success of the screening program rests largely on the efforts put into follow-up. Examination, treatment, and feedback to the school are essential to assure that vision and hearing problems do not interfere with learning. Health screening is an integral part of the Health Services program mandated by Florida Statute.

The following health screenings must be provided to students on an annual basis:

Vision

- Vision Screening is done for all students in grades K, 1, 3, 5, and 6, and for any students newly enrolled in other Grades.
- Students enrolled in other grades may be screened when a problem is suspected and they are referred by the teacher or parent.

Hearing

- Hearing screening will be done for all students in grades K, 1, 3, and 6, and for any students newly enrolled in other grades.
- Students enrolled in other grades may be screened when a problem is suspected and they are referred by the teacher or parent.

Scoliosis Screening

- Scoliosis is an abnormal, side-to-side curvature of the spine appearing among preadolescents and adolescents during rapid growth
- Scoliosis screening will be done on an individual referral basis. Mass scoliosis screening of students in grade 7 **should not** be scheduled.
- Boys and girls will be screened separately.

Check with your county health department for more detailed information. Parental permission is required prior to any screenings. The results of the screenings should be kept in the student's file. Follow-up with parents of students who exhibit problems should occur. Screenings must be made available but parents must sign a permission slip that requests that their child be screened.

