

STATE MANDATED SCREENINGS

School Nurses follow the Massachusetts Department of Public Health's requirements for screening of children for hearing, vision, growth, and postural issues. State mandated screenings are performed as follows and parents will be notified if medical follow-up with their child's primary care provider is needed. If necessary, the school nurse can assist with obtaining a follow-up evaluation by a physician if recommended.

Vision- Grades K,1,2,3,4,5,7,9

Hearing- Grades K,1,2,3,7,9

Height, Weight, and BMI (Body Mass Index) – Grades 1,4,7,10

Postural- Grade 5,6,7,8,9

The purpose of postural screening is to identify early signs of spinal problems. Most scoliosis and other spinal issues can be easily treated if they are detected early. Parents are notified prior to screening so that children are dressed appropriately. Girls and boys are screened separately and privacy is respected at all times. It may be requested that girls wear bathing suit tops under their clothes, a halter top or a sports bra on the day of the screening, as this type of clothing facilitates better examination of the back.

Please notify your child's school nurse if you do not wish your child to participate any of these screening programs.