

Health Screening

Vision Screening - All 4 year olds, kindergartners, 1st, 3rd, 5th, and 7th graders will be screened by TDH certified screeners for vision problems each year. Also, all students new to the district will be screened. Vision screening will be done at any grade level on any student who may be suspected of vision loss by the classroom teacher or the parent.

Hearing Screening - All 4 year olds, kindergartners, 1st, 3rd, 5th, and 7th graders will be screened by TDH certified screeners for hearing problems each year. Also, all students new to the district will be screened. Hearing screening will be done at any grade level on any student who may be suspected of hearing loss by the classroom teacher or the parent.

Spinal Screening - All 6th and 9th grade students will be screened for spinal abnormalities. If abnormalities are found, parents will be notified to take their children to their personal physician for further evaluation and follow up.

The procedure for spinal screening is a simple one; however, **ALL STUDENTS MUST REMOVE THEIR SHIRTS FOR THIS EXAM.** Girls may be screened in their bra or wear a halter top, tube top, sports bra, or two-piece swimsuit top under their shirt on exam day. Boys and girls will be screened separately and individually.

Acanthosis Nigricans Screening - All 1st, 3rd, 5th, and 7th graders will be screened by certified screeners for Acanthosis Nigrican each year.

Special seating arrangements in the classroom shall be made for students with vision or hearing defects on recommendation by the school nurse.

Should there be an abnormal finding in any of the screenings; the parent/guardian will be notified that a professional follow-up is recommended. If the parent/ guardian wishes to substitute a professional examination for any of the state-required screenings, please contact the school nurse for appropriate paperwork. Please know that none of these screenings are meant to take the place of regular medical care.