



Falcon Fives

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Dear Falcon Fives Families,

All students entering and attending preschool should be screened regularly for health needs, including vision, dental health, height, weight, hearing, blood lead and hemoglobin levels. Austintown Local School District does provide vision and hearing screenings, as well as access to a mobile dentist, each school year. Our Falcon Fives program also uses the Child Medical Statement released by the Ohio Department of Education's Office of Early Learning and School Readiness. This form, which is signed by your child's physician (or acceptable medical professional listed), may include the health screenings above that are not provided by the district.

We encourage all families to have all of the above mentioned screenings on their preschool child prior to entry, as well as annually. Please have your medical professional complete the attached form at your next visit. A copy should be given to your child's teacher for the school's records.

Sincerely,

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Department of Education

Office of Early Learning and School Readiness
Child Medical Statement

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This form meets Ohio Administrative Code. Programs may use this form or build their own.

Section I - Child Medical Information

Child's Name

Date of Birth Height Weight

Table with 2 columns: Immunizations and Exempt from Immunization. Rows include Complete for Age, In Process, Religious Conviction, Health, and Other.

Limitations or health conditions, including allergies, medications, and dietary restrictions.

Large empty rectangular box for notes or limitations.

Section II - Child Medical Statement Verification

Physician/Clinic/Hospital Name Provider Address

Provider Phone Number Provider City Provider State Provider Zip

Check box of examining medical professional:

- Physician
Physician Assistant
Advanced Practice Registered Nurse

This child has been examined and is in suitable condition to participate in group care.

Signature of Medical Professional Date of Exam

Programs funded through the Ohio Department of Education must have written policies and procedures to ensure that children have received comprehensive health screenings and/or that families are informed of the importance of health screenings and the resources to obtain them.

Falcon Fives Comprehensive Health Screening Process

All students entering and attending preschool should be screened regularly for health needs, including vision, dental health, height, weight, hearing, blood lead and hemoglobin levels, per the cover letter that you received. Below, you will find additional information regarding the importance of these screenings, as well as community resources where you can find out more information on health screenings.

Comprehensive Health Screening for Children

Health screenings benefit the overall health of the child. It is through check-ups and tests, that physicians can identify potential health problems. Many childhood problems can be corrected before they become a health problem, that the child then carries into adulthood. Through health screenings, healthy eating and regular physical activity, you can help your child learn healthy living habits that can last a lifetime.

Blood Pressure

Your child should have blood pressure measurements regularly, starting around 3 years of age. High blood pressure in children needs medical attention, as it may be a sign of underlying disease. If not treated, it may lead to serious illness. Check with your child's physician about blood pressure measurements.

Lead

Lead can harm your child, slowing physical and mental growth and damaging many parts of the body. The most common way children get lead poisoning is by being around old house paint that is chipping or peeling. Some authorities recommend lead tests at 1 and 2 years of age. If you can answer "yes" to any of the questions below, your child may need a lead test earlier and more often than other children. Has your child:

- * _____ Lived in or regularly visited a house built before 1950? (This could include a day care center, preschool, the home of a babysitter or relative, etc.)
- * _____ Lived in or regularly visited a house built before 1978 with recent, ongoing, planned renovation or remodeling? (The year lead-based paint was banned for residential use)
- * _____ Had a brother or sister, housemate or playmate followed or treated for lead poisoning?

Vision and Hearing

Your child's vision should be tested before starting school, at about 3 or 4 years of age. Your child may need vision tests as he or she grows. Some authorities recommend hearing testing beginning at 3 to 4 years of age. If at any age your child has any of the vision or hearing warning signs listed below, be sure to talk with your healthcare provider.

Vision Warning Signs

- *Eyes turning inward (crossing) or outward
- *Squinting
- *Headaches

- *Not doing well with school work, as before
- *Blurred or double vision

Hearing Warning Signs

- *Poor response to noise or voice
- *Slow language and speech development
- *Abnormal sounding speech

Special Warning

- *Listening to very loud music, especially with earphones, can permanently damage your child's hearing

Additional Tests

Your child may need other tests to prevent health problems. Some common tests are:

Anemia (blood) Test-Anemia is having less than the normal number of red blood cells or less hemoglobin than normal in the blood. Your child may need to be tested for anemia when he or she is still a baby (usually around the 1st birthday). Children may need this test as they get older.

Cholesterol (blood) Test-Children (2 years and older) may need this test especially if they have a parent with high cholesterol or a parent or grandparent with heart disease before the age of 55. If a family history is not available, testing may be needed if your child is obese or has high blood pressure.

Tuberculosis/TB (skin) Test-Children may need this test if they have had close contact with a person who has TB, lives in an area where TB is more common than average (such as a Native American reservation, a homeless shelter or an institution) or have recently moved from Asia, Africa, Central America, South America, the Caribbean or the Pacific Islands.

Community Resources

Additional community resources can be found at <https://kidshealth.org/> and <https://www.cdc.gov/>