

SCREENING OF NEW STUDENTS FOR ENROLLMENT IN SCHOOLS

In accordance with the laws of the State of New York and the regulations of the New York State Commissioner of Education, it is the policy of the Board of Education that all students to be admitted for enrollment in the schools of the district will be screened prior to admission to determine whether the new entrant may be possibly handicapped or possibly gifted. The screening will include, but may not be limited to:

- A. A physical examination which includes proof of immunization required by the State of New York.
- B. Language skill development.
- C. Cognitive development.
- D. Motor development.
- E. A determination whether the student is of foreign birth or ancestry and comes from a home where a language other than English is spoken as determined by the results of a home language questionnaire and an interview in English and the home language.

"Screening" is a quick method of assessing a student's potential academic performance and physical condition, with emphasis on whether or not the student may be classified as either possibly handicapped or possibly gifted. The screening will be designed so as to identify those students who may need a more intensive evaluation. The screening itself is not to be considered an in-depth evaluation. All students will participate in the screening process on an equal basis regardless of age, race, weight, color, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, gender, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, socio-economic class, military status, or domestic violence victim status..

The screening process should produce preliminary information regarding the student's development. It will be conducted prior to December 1 of each year for all new students entering kindergarten. The screening will be conducted by persons appropriately trained or qualified in student's home language if the language of the home is other than English.

Students who enter the school system after December 1 will be screened within fifteen (15) calendar days of the date of entry. The Board of Education will recognize the results of screenings completed for transfer students by other school districts, provided that such examinations have been conducted within one year of the date of entry to the Patchogue-Medford School District.

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The superintendent of schools will issue administrative directives concerning the screening of new students or other students as required by New York State law or the regulations of the Commissioner of Education. The administrative directives will specify the following:

- A. Procedures and deadlines.
- B. Record keeping.
- C. Parent information and participation.
- D. Designation of personnel to administer screenings.
- E. Evaluation of student records.
- F. Establishment of testing instruments.
- G. Special application for testing students of limited English proficiency.

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