

Students

Student Health Procedures

Washington State Law (WAC 246-760) requires schools to conduct hearing and vision screening to children in grades K, 1, 2, 3, 5 and 7 each year. Evaluation by an eyecare or hearing specialist is recommended for students who do not pass their vision or hearing screenings.

A. Vision Screening

Vision screening is done using an instrument-based vision screener device. If the instrument-based screening device does not generate a result for a student, they must be screened using an alphabet or symbol vision chart. Students who use corrective lenses (glasses or contacts) must wear the lenses during the screening to ensure accurate results.

Students are not required to be screened if they already have had a comprehensive vision examination by a licensed vision care professional within the previous twelve months. In order to waive the screening, the school needs to have a report or form signed by a licensed vision care professional indicating that an examination has been administered. The school nurse must place this report or form in the student's file.

Parents will be notified by mail if their child does not pass the screening. A professional evaluation by a licensed vision care professional (optometrist or ophthalmologist) is recommended for students who do not pass their vision screening.

B. Hearing Screening

Hearing screening is done using equipment providing tonal stimuli at 1000, 2000, and 4000 hertz (HZ) at a hearing level of 20 decibels (dB).

Parents will be notified by mail if their child does not pass the screening. A professional evaluation by a hearing specialist (audiologist) is recommended for students who do not pass their hearing screenings.

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