

Student Health Services**Vision Screening:**

It is recommended that a vision screening for all students in grades K,1,3,4 and 5 will be performed using a Snellen chart or equivalent screening by the school nurse. Additional vision screenings will also be conducted in response to appropriate requests from parents/guardians or professionals working with the student in question. Results will be recorded on the student's continuous health record and the Superintendent shall cause a written notice to be given to the parent or guardian of each student found to have any defect of vision, with a brief statement describing such defect.

1. All vision screenings shall be completed and parents of student with identified problems notified by December 1 of the school year.
2. A student fails the screening if he/she cannot read with either eye one more than half of the 20/30 line or has a one line vision power discrepancy between the two eyes. Any student who fails to meet the standards will be re-screened by the school nurse within one month of the original exam.

Postural Screening:

School nurses will screen all female students in grades 5 and 7 and male students in grade 9 for scoliosis or other postural problems. Additional postural screenings will also be conducted in response to appropriate requests from parents/guardians or professionals working with the student in question. Results will be recorded on the student's continuous health record and the Superintendent shall cause a written notice to be given to the parent or guardian of each student found to have any postural defect or problem, with a brief statement describing such defect.

All postural screening shall be completed and parents of students with identified problems notified by April 1 of the school year.

All postural screening shall be done by the school nurse.

The student shall be examined in private and all postural screening shall be done by a school nurse.

A student shall be observed for the following five key signs of scoliosis:

1. rib or flank fullness upon forward bend;
2. shoulder height difference;
3. shoulder blade prominence;
4. waistline or hip asymmetry;
5. obvious curve or crease in back.

Hearing (Audiometric) Screening:

All students will be screened for possible hearing impairments in grades K, 1, 3, 4 and 5. Additional hearing screenings will also be conducted in response to appropriate requests from parents/guardians or professionals working with the student in question. Results will be recorded on the student's continuous health record and the Superintendent shall cause a written notice to be given to the parent or guardian of each student found to have any defect of hearing, with a brief statement describing such defect.

All hearing screening shall be completed and parents of students with identified problems notified by December 1 of the school year.

Hearing screening will be performed by speech pathologists, audiologists, or trained volunteers. All persons who conduct audiometric screening shall have completed at least six hours of training in this area including practice supervised by a speech therapist or audiologist. Children under six or handicapped student shall be screened by speech pathologists or audiologist only.

Audiometers used shall meet the current ANSI (American National Standards Institute) specifications and shall be checked annually for adequate calibration. Each student tested shall receive calibrated pure tone air-conducted stimuli for each ear in the following frequencies and levels: 1000 Hz (20dB), 2000 Hz (20dB), and 4000 Hz (25dB).

1. A student fails the screening if he/she can not respond to one or more of the three required screening frequencies in either ear.
2. All students under medical management for conductive hearing loss shall be periodically rescreened by audiologist or speech pathologist and the school nurse notified of the results. Persistent failure requires repeat referral and notification to Pupil Personnel.
3. The school nurse shall be responsible for coordinating referrals and ensuring follow-up for any student who does not meet the audiometric standard.
4. All school personnel responsible for the education of a student failing audiometric screening shall be notified of the student's hearing problem by the school nurse.
5. All students with identified hearing deficits with the potential to affect education must be referred to a Planning and Placement Team.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes
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