State Surgeon General

Mission:

To protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county & community efforts.



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Vision: To be the Healthiest State in the Nation

November 4, 2019

Dear parent or guardian,

A **school health screening** as mandated by Florida State Law is scheduled on November 19, 2019 at your child's school. Some of the screenings that may be performed are vision, hearing and growth & development (BMI). During this event, some of the screenings indicated above may be performed on your child according to their grade level.

School Health Screening Schedule for the 2019-2020 School Year					
				Growth &	
Grade	Vision	Hearing	Scoliosis	Development (BMI)	
Kindergarten	X	X			
1st grade	X	X		X	
3 rd grade	X			X	

2 nd , 4 th & 5 th	X	X	Students from out of state

If you **Do Not** wish your child to participate in the screening test(s), please write a letter to the school principal's office listing the child's name and the screening(s) that you decline. The letter must be received by Monday, November 18, 2019.

The screening process used is not a diagnostic.

Screenings are intended to identify children with a wide range of potential problems that families may not be aware of and which may need to be followed up with a professional examination if indicated. As with any screening process, there is no assurance that all potential problems will be detected. This screening process is <u>not</u> a substitute for a full examination by a qualified professional.

Thank you for your help in keeping Florida's children healthy and for reducing the health barriers to learning.

Sincerely,

School Health Team

