

HEARING/VISION SCREENINGS

VISION SCREENING

Regular education is responsible for the mass vision screening of all Kindergarten and third grade students. Some schools request assistance from outside agencies such as the Lion's Club or the PTA to conduct the vision screenings on their students. **It is not the duty of the SLP to mass screen vision.** If a staff member or parent requests a vision screening on an individual student that is not in the Teacher Support Team (TST) process, the SLP is responsible for the screening. If the student fails the vision screening, a second screening must be done 3 to 7 days after the first screening. If the student fails the second screening, the SLP must contact the parent and inform him/her of the results of the screening. **The SLP is responsible for training a person designated by the school's principal to conduct all vision screenings for students that are in the TST process.**

All children will be screened using the right eye, left eye and both eyes. If the child wears glasses, then the glasses should be worn during screening. Preschool through 4th grade children may be screened with the Hand Chart, Snellen "E" or other appropriate eye charts for near-sightedness. For children in grade 5-12, near-sightedness may be screened with the Snellen "E" or Alphabet Chart. To screen far-sightedness on children ages 3-5, a near vision chart is recommended; for children ages 6-20, far sightedness may be screened using the +2.00 lens.

Criteria for failing vision screening:

- A. Worse than 20/40 using both eyes (near-sightedness)**
- B. Can read the 20/20 line with the +2.00 lens (far-sightedness)**
- C. For children ages 3-5, is unable to read the 20/30 line on the near vision chart (far-sightedness).**

Children referred only due to language/speech problems are not required to have a vision screening unless a possible vision problem is noted during assessment or data are collected in other areas of the Comprehensive Assessment.

HEARING SCREENING

SLP are responsible for the mass hearing screening of all kindergarten and third grade students. Third grade students must be screened no later than Christmas Break and kindergarten students must be screened no later than Spring Break. Some SLPs prefer to mass screen both grades at the very beginning of the school year. The Speech Pathologist is responsible for screening students.

JACKSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

TO:	PARENT/GUARDIAN
FROM:	
DATE:	
SCHOOL:	
RE:	
CHILD'S NAME	

The area checked below applies to your child.

_____ **HEARING:** Your child's hearing was screened at his/her teacher's request. Your child did not pass the hearing screening. It is strongly recommended that you get another professional opinion as soon as possible as a follow- up to this screening. It is recommended that you schedule an appointment for your child to see a hearing specialist, such as an Ear, Nose and Throat doctor or an audiologist. Your child's physician should be able to make a referral to a specialist or you can contact one of the agencies on the attached referral list.

_____ **VISION:** Your child's vision was screened at his/her teacher's request. Your child did not pass the vision screening. It is strongly recommended that you get another professional opinion as soon as possible as a follow-up to this screening. Your child's physician should be able to make referral to a specialist or you can contact one of the agencies on the attached referral list.

When you make the appointment, tell the receptionist that your child failed the hearing and/or vision screening at school. Please let your child's teacher and/or the school know what you plan to do as soon as possible as we feel that this problem may affect your child's schoolwork. Please ask the doctor/professional who examines your child to send the attached report of results and any other recommendations to:

If you have any questions, please contact the school at:

REFERRAL AGENCIES

HEARING

Central Mississippi Speech, Language and Hearing Clinic (JSU)
Universities Center (Education and Research Center)
3825 Ridgewood Road, Box 23
Jackson, MS 38211-6453
(601) 432-6846

Ear, Nose and Throat Surgical Group
764 Lakeland Drive
Jackson, MS
(601) 982-0611

The Jackson Ear, Nose and Throat Group
1421 N. State Street, Suite 402
Jackson, MS
(601) 352-7655

The University of Mississippi Medical Group
Communicative Disorders Laboratory
764 Lakeland Drive
Jackson, MS
(601) 815-6064

VISION

Jackson Eye Associates, PLLC
1200 N. State Street, Suite 330
Jackson, MS
(601) 353-2020

The University of Mississippi Medical Center
Dr. Nils Mungan-Pediatric Ophthalmologist
University Medical Center Eastside
2500 N. State Street
Jackson, MS
(601) 984-5024