

Dickenson County Public Schools

NOTIFICATION OF SCREENINGS

The Commonwealth of Virginia requires the following screenings to be scheduled within 60 days of a student's initial enrollment in a public school:

- (1) Hearing and vision screenings will be conducted on all newly enrolled students.
- (2) Speech-language and motor screenings will be completed on all newly enrolled students through grade three. Speech-language, hearing, vision, and motor development screenings are scheduled during the first 60 days of school.
- (3) In addition, vision and hearing screenings will be completed on 3rd, 7th, and 10th-grade students.

Parents and teachers may request vision and/or hearing screening with written parental permission. Parents also have the option to have their child opt-out of the screenings with written parent notification.

The speech pathologist, school nurse, physical education teachers, and other appropriate personnel will complete these screenings for the early identification of deficits. Parents are notified of results if further evaluation is indicated.

Scoliosis Information for Parents

Scoliosis is the abnormal curvature of the spine involving side-to-side curvature that makes the hips or shoulders appear uneven. If left untreated, scoliosis can progress and interfere with movement, activities, and bodily functions. Scoliosis is most common between the ages 10-14, or during a growth spurt. Scoliosis may be difficult to identify, so it is important to watch for early signs and to take your child for an annual physical exam. If identified, most curves remain small and are watched by the physician, while others may need a brace, exercise, or surgery. Treatment is most successful with early identification.

Parents should watch for the following when their child is about 8 years old and notify their family doctor, pediatrician, or orthopedist if any of these signs are present:

- Tilted head that is not in line with hips
- Uneven hips (may cause uneven shirt or hemline)
- Uneven shoulders or protruding shoulder blades
- Leaning more to one side than the other
- Uneven waist

Questions? American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons (www.aaos.org), Call 800-346-AAOS, National Scoliosis Foundation (www.scoliosis.org), Call 800-673-6922, The Scoliosis Association, Inc. (www.scoliosis-assoc.org), Call 800-800-0669, Scoliosis Research Society (www.srs.org), Call 847-823-7186