

Health Screenings**I. STUDENTS NOT MEETING STANDARDS**

- A. First Screening:** Each pupil failing to meet the standards of a hearing, vision, or postural screening shall be rescreened. If the results of the second screening confirm the findings of the first, the parent or guardian shall be given written notice which shall include a brief statement describing the findings.
- B. Second Screening:** If the findings of the second screening indicate a possible need to modify a child's educational program, Pupil Personnel Services shall be contacted for consideration of a P.P.T..

**II. HEARING (AUDIOMETRIC) SCREENING**

- A. Schedule:** All hearing screening, including rescreening, shall be completed and parents of students with identified problems shall be notified of results by December 1 of the school year.
- B. Screeners:** Hearing (audiometric) 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 students shall be screened by speech pathologists or audiologists only.
- C. Audiometers** used shall meet the current ANSI (American National Standards Institute) specifications and shall be checked annually for adequate calibration.
- D. The Standard:** Each pupil tested shall receive calibrated pure tone air-conducted stimuli for each ear at the following frequencies and levels: 1000 Hz (20dB), 2000 Hz (20dB), and 4000 Hz (25dB). A pupil who fails to respond to one or more of the three required screening frequencies in either ear shall be rescreened approximately 2 weeks later, and if the deficit persists, the parent or guardian shall be notified using health form #38A.
- E. Follow-up:**
  - 1. The school nurse shall be responsible for coordinating referral and ensuring follow-up for any student who does not meet the audiometric standard.
  - 2. All students under medical management for conductive hearing loss shall be periodically rescreened by audiologists or speech pathologists and the school nurse notified of the results. Persistent failure requires repeat referral and notification of Pupil Personnel.

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**D. Follow-up (continued)**

3. All school personnel responsible for the education of a student failing audiometric rescreening shall be notified of the student's hearing problem by the school nurse.
4. All students with identified hearing deficits with the potential to affect education must be referred to a Planning and Placement Team (P.P.T.).

**III. VISION SCREENING**

- A. Schedule:** All vision screening, including rescreening, shall be completed and parents of students with identified problems shall be notified of results by December 1 of the school year.
- B. Screeners:** Students shall be screened by an individual trained in screening methods recommended by the Connecticut Society to Prevent Blindness or equivalent method using the Snellen Chart mounted at eye level. This shall be performed in an area with good light and away from other students.
- C. The Standard:** Any student who fails to meet the following standards shall be rescreened by the school nurse within one month of the original exam.
  1. **Kindergarten Through Grade 3:** The 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 discrepancy between the two eyes.
  2. **Grades 4 and Above:** The student fails if he/she cannot read one more than half of the 20/20 line or has a one line discrepancy between the two eyes.
- D. Follow-up:** The parent or guardian of any student with a persistent defect on rescreening shall be notified on health form #2.

**IV. POSTURAL SCREENING**

- A. The Schedule:** All postural screening, including rescreening, shall be completed and parents of students with identified problems shall be so notified by April 1 of the school year.

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IV. POSTURAL SCREENING (continued)

- B. **Screeners:** Students shall be examined by the school nurse.
- C. **Parental Notification:** The parent or guardian shall receive notification and information regarding the screening at least two weeks prior to the event using health form 42.
- D. **Screening Requirements:** The student shall be examined in private. Clothing or a gown shall be arranged so that the entire back including the waistline and the hip line shall be uncovered.
- E. **The Standard:** 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. Any student exhibiting one of the five key signs shall be rescreened within one month of the initial screening.
- F. **Follow-up:** The parent or guardian of any student confirmed to have a postural abnormality on rescreening shall be notified using health form #26.

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