

Health Screenings

- I. The Wallingford Board of Education recognizes the critical importance of adequate vision and hearing to the ability to learn. The Board also adheres to all state regulations regarding the provision of routine screening examinations by school districts. Therefore, the screenings listed in Section II shall be required of students in the Wallingford Public Schools.

II. PARENTAL NOTIFICATION

Written notification will be sent to the parent(s) of all affected students annually. Such notification must include a statement of the parent’s right to be present for any screening.

III. REQUIRED VISION, AUDIOMETRIC, AND POSTURAL SCREENINGS

A. Audiometric Screening: Students in grades K-3 inclusive, grades 5 and 8, and all IEP classes shall have an annual audiometric screening for hearing. The superintendent of schools shall give written notice to the parent or guardian of each pupil found to have any impairment or defect of hearing, with a brief statement describing such impairment or defect.

B. Vision Screening: Students in grades K-6 inclusive, grade 9, and all IEP classes shall have an annual vision screening using a Snellen chart or equivalent screening. The superintendent of schools shall give written notice to the parent or guardian of each pupil who is found to have any defect of vision or disease of the eyes, with a brief statement describing such defect or disease.

C. Postural Screening: Students in grades 5 through 9 shall have postural screenings. The superintendent of schools shall give written notice to the parent or guardian of each pupil who evidences any postural problem, with a brief statement describing such evidence.

- IV. **EXEMPTION FROM POSTURAL SCREENING:** A student may be excused from any postural screening if the parent provides documentation that the student has been screened by the student’s primary care physician.

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V. SCREENING PROCEDURES

- A. Screeners:** All screenings shall be performed by trained personnel under appropriate supervision and in accordance with the regulations of this policy and the procedures approved by the School Medical Advisor.
- B. Records:** The results of all screenings shall be included in the student's permanent school medical record.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes
10-214. Vision, audiometric, and postural screenings

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