

## **Schedule of Required Screenings in Schools**

General Health Screening - Education Law and the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education require physical examinations of children when they

- enter the school district for the first time
- are in grades 1, 3, 7 and 10
- each year before participation in interscholastic athletics
- are referred by/to the Committee on Special Education or are deemed necessary by school authorities to determine a child's educational program

The physical exam is offered in the schools free of charge at regular intervals, or arrangements can be made with outside physicians at the family's expense. We encourage that the examination be done by the child's family physician or healthcare provider, who knows your child best and can give a complete exam including tests and immunizations.

Scoliosis Screening - Education Law and the Regulations of The Commissioner of Education require schools to provide Scoliosis screening each year for all children between age 8 and 16. Initial screenings are performed by school nursing personnel from whom a physician referral may be made if deemed necessary.

Vision Screening – Education law requires tests of color perception, distance acuity, plus lens and near vision within 6 months of a pupil's admission in school. The law further requires general vision screening once each school year grades K-12. School nursing personnel performs these screenings.

Hearing Screening – Education Law requires that each student receive a hearing screening test once each year in grades K-7, during grade 10, and at any time deemed necessary by school personnel. Hearing screening is performed on the above schedule by school nursing personnel.

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