

401. Health Services

When a child is enrolled for the first time in either kindergarten or first grade:

1. Prior to November 1 of the school year, the child shall be screened for disorders in hearing, vision, speech and communication, for general health or medical problems, and for developmental disorders. This screening, or any of its elements, may be provided directly by the School or by contract with another person or governmental entity. The School may also establish a list of approved providers of screening services and request the parents to utilize one of these providers.
2. Prior to August 1 of the school year, the parents or guardians of the child must be provided with information about the screening program. If the School has determined that screening is to be obtained by the parents or guardians, it must prepare a list of providers together with information about screening services available in the community to those who cannot afford them. A parent or guardian may reject the requested screenings by signing a written statement to the effect that he/she does not wish to have his/her child receive such screening.

If the results of any health screening reveal the possibility of special learning needs, the School is required to conduct further assessment in accordance with laws regarding the education of children with disabilities.

Any child shall be exempted from the following examinations: (a) from a dental inspection if the child has been examined for dental defects by a regularly licensed dentist; (b) from a hearing test if he has been examined by a regularly licensed physician; and/or (c) from a visual test if he has been examined by a regularly licensed physician or optometrist. The parent shall provide evidence that the child was examined within the twelve (12) months immediately preceding the scheduled date of School examinations.

If the School provides hearing and vision screenings directly or by contract, the School shall:

1. Utilize methods and testing devices that are approved by the department of health;
2. Keep an accurate record of such tests and of measures taken to correct such hearing and visual defect on a form prescribed and furnished or approved by the Director of Health;
3. Make statistical data from such records available to official state and local health, education, and human services departments and agencies
4. Make individual records available to such departments and agencies only where there is evidence that no measures have been taken to correct defects determined by such tests.

R.C. 3313.50; R.C. 3313.673; R.C. 3313.69; R.C. 3314.03.