

## HEALTH SCREENINGS

Health screenings done at school for vision, hearing, and postural problems may result in the early detection of a health impairment. These are screenings and not examinations. If a referral is sent home on the behalf of a student, attention by a health care provider is strongly recommended for diagnosis and possible prescribed treatment.

### Vision Screenings

Children to be screened

1. All children in kindergarten, first, third, fifth, seventh and ninth grades
2. All new and transfer students (for whom no screening record for the previous twelve months exists) must be screened during the year they enter the new school.
3. All hearing impaired children must be screened annually.
4. All teacher referrals
5. Preschoolers enrolled in school programs
6. All children who are untestable must be referred.
7. Failure on any one test will result in a referral.
8. All children failing an initial screening must be rescreened within six weeks prior to referral.

**If you receive a vision referral for your child and an insurance policy or a government assistance program does not cover your child, we would like you to know that we may be of some assistance.**

**The nurses at Kings Local Schools have partnered with Prevent Blindness America to enable qualifying children to receive a gift certificate for an examination and glasses if prescribed.**

**Please contact your building nurse for more information.**

### Hearing Screenings

Children to be screened

1. All children in kindergarten, first, third, fifth and ninth grades
2. All new and transfer students (for whom no screening record for the previous twelve months exists) must be screened during the year they enter the new school.
3. All students referred within the past year with no documented follow-up
4. All teacher referrals
5. Preschoolers enrolled in school programs
6. All children who are untestable must be referred
7. All children failing an initial screening must be rescreened within six weeks prior to referral.

### Postural Screenings

Students in the sixth and eighth grades are screened to detect scoliosis and other postural problems.

**In the event a referral is sent home, please have your physician or health care provider complete the referral form with test results. This completed form should be returned to school so that proper documentation can be maintained in your child's health folder.**