



# Constellation Schools, LLC

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## **School Vision and Hearing Screening Notification**

The purpose of vision and hearing screening is to aid in the detection of school-age children who have or are at risk for developing vision/hearing disorders. These screenings are required by the Ohio Department of Health on an annual basis and will be administered during the 2016-2017 school year to the following students:

- All new students
- All students in grades K, 1, 3, 5, 7(vision only), and 9, 11 (hearing only)
- All students with undocumented follow-up from the 2015-16 school year

### **Why is it important to have your child's vision and hearing screened at school?**

- To identify if your child has vision problems or might be at risk for vision problems.
- Hearing is important for speech, language development, reading, and learning.
- A hearing screening can detect if your child needs further hearing testing.
- Even if your child has passed a hearing screening previously, their hearing can change.
- Hearing problems can be related to medical problems.

### **What tests are included in my child's vision screen?**

- Observation (all grades)
- Monocular distance acuity (all grades)
- Ocular muscle balance test (First grade)
- Stereopsis test (Kindergarten and First grade)
- Color deficit test (males only, in Kindergarten or First grade)

### **What tests are included in my child's hearing screen?**

- Audiometry: Screening of hearing acuity

### **How will I find out the results of my child's vision and screening results?**

- If your child passes the vision and hearing screening, you may not be contacted by the school nurse.
- If your child fails the screening, you will be informed of the test results and provided with referral paperwork.

### **What do I need to do if my child fails the vision or hearing screening?**

- Vision and hearing screening provides a snapshot of how your child performs on the day the test was administered and is not a substitute for a complete eye exam by an optometrist/ ophthalmologist or audiologist/ENT.
- Follow up should be arranged with an eye specialist (optometrist or ophthalmologist) or a hearing specialist (audiologist or ENT).
- Provide the specialist with the referral paperwork and return it to the school once it has been completed.

**\*\*If you should need help with resources for area specialists or financial assistance programs for eye/hearing exams, please contact your building's nurse.\*\***

If you should choose opt-out of any part of the school vision and hearing screening, a written request will need to be provided to the building's nurse.