

Notification of Vision and Hearing Screenings

Greetings families,

To maintain within compliance of Ohio Revised Code 3313.673, we want you to know that we will be ensuring that vision and hearing screenings will be offered to scholars prior to **November 1**. To ensure we are putting our scholar's safety first, we are awaiting further guidance from the Ohio Department of Education and the Ohio Department of Health regarding how these screenings can be completed that fall within the recommended health and safety guidelines. Please be on the look-out for additional information regarding.

3313.673 Screening of beginning pupils for special learning needs.

(A) Except as provided in division (B) of this section, prior to the first day of November of the school year in which a pupil is enrolled for the first time in either kindergarten or first grade, the pupil shall be screened for hearing, vision, speech and communications, and health or medical problems and for any developmental disorders. If the results of any screening reveal the possibility of special learning needs, the board of education of the school district shall conduct further assessment in accordance with Chapter 3323. of the Revised Code. The board may provide any of the elements of the screening program itself, contract with any person or governmental entity to provide any such elements, or request the parent to obtain any such elements from a provider selected by the parent. If the board conducts hearing and vision screening itself or contracts for hearing and vision screening, such screening shall be conducted pursuant to sections 3313.50, 3313.69, and 3313.73 of the Revised Code.

(B) Prior to the first day of August of the school year in which a pupil is required to be screened under this section, the board shall provide parents with information about the district's screening program. If the board chooses to request parents to obtain any screening services, it shall provide lists of providers to parents together with information about such screening services available in the community to parents who cannot afford them. Any parent requested to obtain any screening services under this division may sign a written statement to the effect that he does not wish to have his child receive such screening.