

Mandated Health Screenings

School nurses perform the following Massachusetts mandated health screenings, unless written documentation is provided by the student's primary care provider (M.G.L. c71,s57).

Vision Screenings: Vision screenings are performed on students in grades K-5, 7, and 10 per state regulations. Also, a student may be tested at any time during the year if the nurse, parent/guardian or a teacher has concerns.

Growth & Development: Heights, weights, and Body Mass Indexes, per state regulations, are performed on students in grades 1, 4, 7 and 10.

Hearing Screenings: Hearing screenings are performed on students in grades K-3, 7 and 10 per state regulations. Also, a student may be tested at any time or grade if the nurse, parent/guardian or teacher has concerns.

Postural/Scoliosis Screenings: Students in grades 5-9 will be screened for scoliosis per state regulations. If further consultation is recommended, parents or guardians of these students will be notified.

Parents/guardians will be notified and a physician referral will be sent home if any health concerns are identified during any of these screenings. Completed referrals should be returned as soon as possible to the school nurse.

