



What is screening?

Kindergarten screening is a brief assessment that usually lasts about a half

hour. It provides a baseline of where a child is at and measures generally accepted guidelines for kindergarten readiness. This information will be used by staff to prepare for the coming year and will also be mailed to parents in the weeks following screening. Children are assessed in five different areas:

Motor skills: This will include catching, jumping, hopping, cutting with scissors and building with blocks.

Language skills: This includes identifying objects, rhyming words, and answering questions such as, what is your name.

Concept skills: This area includes pointing to body parts, counting, placing blocks in named positions and sorting shapes.

Hearing and Vision: Our school nurse conducts these screenings to discover any potential concerns. Vision and hearing will be checked again at the beginning of kindergarten.

Social and Self Help Development: This is a survey the parents will complete that asks about personal habits such as dressing, eating, grooming as well as sharing, following rules and self-control.

Why is screening conducted?

It is a state requirement that all children are screened prior to their entrance of school. It helps to identify children who may need additional support services. It gives students a chance to meet their teachers and other staff members. Also, it gives the students a chance to explore the school building.

What documents should I bring to screening with me?

Please have all forms completed on Final Forms when you arrive for screening.

Along with completing forms on Final Forms before screening, please bring these documents.

- Certificate of Live Birth for child (obtained from the Health Department)
- Your photo ID
- Proof of Immunization
- Proof of residence (a bill you have received in the mail with your name and physical address)
- Health Record – this form **MUST** be turned in no later than 10 days after the first day of school

What can I expect when I arrive at the building?

Once you sign in, your child will be taken to another room located nearby and rotated through the different stations with various school staff. While the parents are waiting for their child to return, the building principal will introduce staff and share important information. Parents will be asked to complete a survey regarding their child.

How can I prepare my child for screening?

- Your child gets a good night's sleep the night before.
- Pick a screening time that best meets your child's needs.
- Dress your child comfortably; wear tennis shoes, no flip-flops please.
- Feed your child a well-balanced meal before coming.