



The Westview School

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VISION, HEARING, & SPINAL SCREENING NOTICE 2023-2024

Dear Parent/ Legal Guardian:

The Westview School will begin conducting vision, hearing, and spinal screenings on January 29, 2024 for all students whose age/ grade level (as of 09/01/23) meets the state requirements outlined below. If your child does not pass a screening, you will be notified via a referral letter.

Vision & Hearing Screening: 4-year-olds, Kindergarten, 1st, 3rd, 5th, and 7th grades, any other first-time entrants

Spinal Screening: Females* two times- ages 10 and 12, Males* one time- age 13 or 14 **child's biological sex*

- If your child is under active medical care for a hearing, vision, or spinal curvature problem and therefore does not need further screening, you must submit documentation from their provider **on or before January 29, 2024**. This documentation should be signed and dated by the provider, and must state that the child is under active, ongoing medical care for the specified problem.
- If you prefer to have your child's screenings conducted outside of the Westview School, you must submit a signed **NOTARIZED** statement indicating this preference, **on or before January 29, 2024**. The outside screenings must take place within 60 days and the results of the screenings must be provided to the school. Failure to provide the results will delay your child's enrollment the next school year. Statements are good for one-time use.
- The Westview School will not require a child to be screened if a parent submits to the facility, **on or before January 29, 2024**, a signed **NOTARIZED** statement indicating that the screening conflicts with the tenets and practices of a church or religious denomination to which the child is an adherent or member. Statements are good for one-time use.

Screening Schedule

Vision & Hearing:

Jan 29- 4-year-olds, **Jan 30-** kinder, **Jan 31-** first grade, **Feb 5-** third grade, **Feb 6-** fifth grade, **Feb 9-** seventh grade

Spinal:

Feb 12- 13-year-old males*, 14-year-old males*

- Please make every attempt to have your child in attendance the day of their scheduled screening.
- Students who wear contacts or glasses **will** be wearing them during their screening.
- Students having a spinal screening should wear or bring a pair of comfortable shorts and a thin T-shirt the day of their screening. Students are also encouraged to wear or bring a sports bra, swimsuit top, or halter top, as it is recommended that students remove their shirts for the screening to allow better visualization of the spine. Students who are uncomfortable removing their shirt will be screened wearing their thin T-shirt. All spinal screenings will be conducted one student at a time, in a private area, by the school nurse with a female witness in the general area. The spinal screening is a visual assessment only; there is no touching of the student's spine or back.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to me via email or at the school clinic.

Cheers,

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