

Hearing and Vision Screening Midland County Health Department

Michigan Law requires hearing and vision screening at least once between the ages 3-5 before your child enters kindergarten. The Public Health Code Act 368 of 1978, Section 9307 states that “a parent, guardian, or person in *loco parentis* applying to have a child registered for the first time in a kindergarten or first grade in a school in this state shall present to school officials, at the time of registration or not later than the first day of school, a certificate of hearing and vision testing or screening or statements of exception under Section 9311”.

Children are also screened for hearing in kindergarten, 2nd, and 4th grades. Vision is screened in 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, and 9th grades. These screenings are provided by the Midland County Health Department **at no cost to families.**

Hearing and Vision Screening Requirements		
<i>Pre-school</i>	X	X
<i>Kindergarten</i>	X	
<i>1st Grade</i>		X
<i>2nd Grade</i>	X	
<i>3rd Grade</i>		X
<i>4th Grade</i>	X	
<i>5th Grade</i>		X
<i>7th Grade</i>		X
<i>9th Grade</i>		X

These are hearing and vision **screenings only**. If your child does not pass a hearing and/or vision screening you will receive referral information from the Health Department. We are required by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to follow up on all students who have been referred.

Please call the Health Department at (989) 832-6673 if you have questions about your child's screening or if your child needs health care coverage. More information about our hearing and vision screening programs is located on the Midland County website at www.co.midland.mi.us.

Why are Hearing and Vision Screenings Important?

An undiagnosed hearing problem may impact your child's ability to pay attention or follow directions.

An undiagnosed vision problem may affect your child's ability to read and learn.



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