

Pennsylvania Department of School Health

Mandated Health Screenings

The following screenings are mandated by the Pennsylvania Department of Health. These screenings are not to be a substitute for regular check-ups with your physician or dentist. School nurses conduct these screenings.

Height/Weight/BMI

Checked annually K- grade 12.

Vision

Checked annually K- grade 12.

If a student does not pass the vision screening, a referral notice will be sent home.

Hearing

Checked in grades K, 1, 2, 3, 7 & 11.

If the student does not pass the screening, a referral notice will be sent home.

Scoliosis

Screenings are mandated in grades 6 & 7.

Scoliosis screenings are usually part of the mandated 6th grade physical and often part of a sports physical. If a student does not pass the screening, a referral notice will be sent home.

Physical Exams

Physical exams are required for students in grades K, 6 and 11 by the student's primary care provider.

Be aware that your 6th grade student should have the Tdap and meningitis vaccines documented with their 6th grade physical exams. The 11th grade physical usually addresses the 2nd meningitis vaccine required for entry into grade 12. Make a copy of the physical exam and immunization updates for your own records.

Dental Exams

Dental exams are required for students in grade K, grade 3 and 7.

Dental exams by the student's own dentist are highly recommended as their own dentist will be able to continue with follow-up care as needed. Students unable to receive a dental exam with their own primary care dentist will be offered a dental exam by the school dentist with parental permission.

Thank you!

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