

DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENINGS and OTHER STUDENT HEALTH PROGRAMS

It is the policy of the McDowell County Board of Education to comply with all state laws concerning required developmental screenings and to participate voluntarily in certain other health screenings. The Board of Education will make available the following:

1. Vision Screening
2. Hearing Screening
3. Speech and Language Screening
4. Dental Inspection

OPTIONAL:

- [] Scoliosis Screening

Pre-Enrollment Screening

Pre-enrollment screening is part of the general education process conducted to determine whether there are problems or potential problems in the areas of vision, hearing, speech and language. These screenings must be conducted annually for:

- a) All students entering kindergarten or preschool; and
- b) All students entering West Virginia public and private for the first time.

The Board of Education shall also provide or contract with appropriate agencies to provide, upon the request of a parent/guardian residing within the district, developmental screening for their child or children under compulsory school attendance age. This developmental screening must be conducted within thirty school days of the written request from the parent/guardian. The district is not required to provide such screening to the same child more than once in any one school year. Children identified through the screening process as having vision or hearing impairments or speech and language disabilities shall be notified of the results of the screening and advised that further diagnosis and treatment of the impairments or disabilities by qualified professional personnel is recommended.

Notice Given

Notice will be given to families at least ten days prior to initiation of developmental screening activities.

Dental Inspections and Other Authority

Pursuant to W. Va. Code § 18-5-22, the Board of Education shall provide proper medical and dental inspections for all pupils attending the county's schools and have the authority to take any other action necessary to protect pupils from infectious diseases, including the authority to require from all school personnel employed in their county, certificates of good health and of physical fitness.

Student Records

It is the responsibility of each school principal to ensure that relevant student records created pursuant to this policy are retained as is appropriate.

Responsibility

The Superintendent of Schools shall assign the oversight and execution of this policy to such administrators and staff as he/she deems necessary to assure compliance. Parents/guardians of children who are found to have vision or hearing impairments or speech and language disabilities or other health concerns as a result of school screenings shall be notified of the results of these tests and advised that further diagnosis and treatment of the impairments or disabilities by qualified professional personnel is recommended.

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