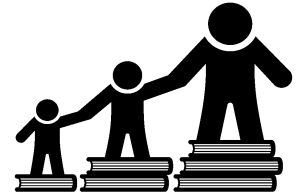


Community Unit School District 303 School Health Services



Vision and Hearing Screening

Vision and hearing screening is performed according to Illinois State mandates. The program is conducted by state certified screening technicians under the direction of the certified school nurses who are also licensed by the state as both Vision Screening and Audiometric Technicians.

Vision and hearing screening may be conducted at the request of a teacher as well. Screening is not a substitute for a complete eye and vision evaluation by an eye doctor. Your child is not required to undergo this vision screening if an optometrist or ophthalmologist has completed and signed a report form indicating that an examination has been administered within the previous 12 months, and that the evaluation is on file at school.

If you have any questions about this, please call the school nurse at your child's school.

Public Act 95-671 requires that all children enrolling in Kindergarten in a public, private or parochial school and any student enrolling for the first time in a public, private or parochial school shall have an eye examination. Each child is to present proof of having been examined by a physician licensed to practice medicine in all its branches or a licensed optometrist by October 15th of the current school year. An exam completed within one year prior to that date will meet the requirement.

A waiver is available from the Illinois Department of Public Health for any student who shows undue burden or lack of access to an optometrist or physician for the purposes of having an eye examination. Religious objections to vision test must also be made in writing to the school.