

Kansas Department of School Health Mandated Screenings

The following screenings are mandated by the Kansas Department of Health. These are considered screenings and are not to be a substitute for regular check up with your pediatrician. The school nurse and/or outside programs perform these screenings.

Vision/Hearing

Vision checks are performed in grades Pre-K, K, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11 as well as yearly for any student with an IEP or on an as needed basis. If you have a concern, suspect a vision or hearing problem or your child has an existing visual/hearing condition that you would like to discuss contact the school nurse. If a student does not pass the either of these screenings, a referral notice will be sent home.

Scoliosis

Screening for Scoliosis is not longer mandated in Kansas. However, a note will be sent out during 7th grade for parent education. An attached form will be included as a guide that you can use to screen your child during puberty age. A scoliosis screening is also part of the required physical exam performed by your physician.

Physical Examinations

Health Physicals are required for students entering our school as a new student if age 10 or below which includes grades Pre-K and Kindergarten. A physical that has been completed within a year of your child entering these grades will be acceptable. They are also required yearly if your student participates in schools-sponsored sports. Completed physical exams are to be returned before your student will be allowed to practice.

Immunizations

Be aware that your child should also be up to date on all immunizations once entering school. A copy of these should be sent to the school nurse for record. Anytime a new immunization is given, please send a copy to notify the nurse. ***7th grade students will be required to receive their Tdap (Tetanus) Immunization at the start of school. Once they receive this, please send in a copy of this record so it can be put in your child's file.

***We have also coordinated with the outside agencies to offer free physicals and immunizations during enrollment. A parent/guardian must be present with them to fill out and sign the paperwork.

Dental Examination

An examination with cleaning, fluoride and sealants are offered yearly during school hours with the CHC of SEK Dental Clinic. It is your option to participate. However, if you do not choose to allow your child to participate, it will be your responsibility to provide proof of a yearly dental exam if problems arise. You will be notified when the CHC of SEK Dental Clinic will be performing the dental examinations. Only those students with signed permission forms will be treated. All students that do not return any forms at all will only be screened. This is a visual check only to assure there isn't any visible decay or sores in their mouth. A form will be sent that indicates whether or not they are recommended for a referral with their regular dentist.

***Again, the cleaning and treatment is completely optional and a medical consent form is required before they can receive treatment. All services can be refused at any time with parents request.

What does a referral mean?

If you received a referral form after any school screening or examination, it means that the screening or examination detected a possible problem and further evaluation by a professional health care provider is recommended. After the referral, proof of examination from the physician needs to be returned to the school nurse.