

The Children's Hearing and Vision program sets the screening requirements and guidelines for school-based preschool and K-12 schools. The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) sets the requirements for what grades are routinely screened each year; what equipment is acceptable to use; what specific hearing and vision tests are needed to perform the screenings; and the referral criteria. Schools providing medical services are required to screen school-aged students for hearing and vision.

Children who do not pass school hearing and vision screenings should be referred for follow-up care. ODH stresses that hearing and vision screening, while a valuable public health procedure, is not a substitute for a professional examination.

The Children's Hearing and Vision program is a program of early detection, diagnosis and treatment of children with hearing and vision problems. In addition to providing school-screening standards, the program conducts statewide annual reporting of hearing and vision screening programs and provides training for people who do screenings.

West Clermont students to be screened for vision are preschool, kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> graders in addition to all new students to the district that have not had a screening completed within the past year. Hearing screenings are conducted on our preschool, kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students, as well as students that are new to the West Clermont District that have not had a hearing screening within the past year.

For further questions or concerns please contact your child's school health clinic or the District Supervising Nurse.