



JEFFERSON Elementary School

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Notification of Vision/Hearing Screening

Children do not really know how they are supposed to see or hear. Therefore, they may not complain about poor vision or hearing. Each year your school provides screening to ensure children are seeing and hearing optimally for their growth and learning. This is done in accordance to the IL Rules and Regulations of the Child Vision and Hearing Test Act.

The screening dates for 2020/2021 school year will be:
October 2nd, 2020
Rescreen date of October 19th, 2020

Those who *have been referred for hearing* by School Sight & Sound, Inc. at previous screens will receive yearly hearing monitoring as needed. *Students who are new to the district, attend any special education classes, or are referred by a teacher will be screened along with the following grades:*

Hearing Screens:

Kindergarten
1st Grade
2nd Grade
3rd Grade

Vision Screens:

Kindergarten (If student has not had an eye exam for Kindergarten entrance requirement)
2nd Grade

"Vision 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." (Section 27-8.1 of the School Code)

Lori Leskovisek and Deanna Frye, administrators of School Sight & Sound, Inc. along with their staff, are certified by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) as vision and hearing screening technicians. They are, for this purpose, considered "school officials" as they conduct a program that has "legitimate educational interest". Under the State codes 99.31 and 99.7, as *school officials*, they are authorized to share screening results with the school office since these results have *legitimate educational interest*. School Sight & Sound, Inc. will notify parents/guardians if a child is recommended for further testing.

This service has proven to be very valuable in discovering those children who may be struggling academically due to vision and hearing needs. Although this service is meant to benefit your child, it is your right to refuse it for religious purposes. According to the Child Vision and Hearing Test Act, a written statement of objection must be submitted by any parent/guardian who chooses to not have their child tested. (410 ILCS 205/6)

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kate Wyman
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