
Screening Information Letter

Parents & Guardians:

This school year **VISION/HEARING/ACANTHOIS NIGRICANS/SPINAL** screenings will be begin as required by The Texas Department of State Health Services.

VISION/HEARING

Vision/hearing screening are conducted to detect vision or hearing abnormalities. Vision and Hearing screenings must be completed for any student who is 4 years old on September 1st, Kindergarten students, any student new to the school within 120 days of admission, and all 1st, 3rd, 5th, and 7th grade students.

ACANTHOSIS NIGRICANS

The Texas Risk Assessment for Type 2 Diabetes in Children is a legislatively-mandated program developed, coordinated, and administrated by the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley Border Health Office. The program assesses children who may be at high risk of developing Type 2 Diabetes. The Texas Risk Assessment for Type 2 Diabetes (Acanthosis Nigricans) must be done for all students in 1st, 3rd, 5th, and 7th grades any time within the school year.

SPINAL

Spinal Screening is to detect the signs of abnormal curves of the spine at their earliest stages so that the need for treatment can be determined. This screening procedure does not replace your child's need for regular health care and checkups. According to state law, girls in grades 5 and 7 and boys in grade 8 must receive the spinal screening. A separate letter will be provided a week before the screening day for students to wear the proper attire.

Parents will be notified of the results of the screening only if professional follow-up is necessary.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the school nurse.

I am choosing my child **NOT to participate in the following screen (please check) because he/she has already received a:

- VISION** screen (I have attached the proof of the tests and results for my child's school file.)
- HEARING** screen (I have attached the proof of the tests and results for my child's school file.)
- SPINAL** screen (I have attached the proof of the tests and results for my child's school file.)

Blessings,

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