



Denver Public Schools provides **free** vision, hearing, and dental screenings for all students in identified grades (Early Childhood Education, Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 7th, and 9th).

\*\*\*However, because of the COVID-19 Pandemic's effects on the universal screening process the past two school years, ALL DPS students (ECE-12th) will have the opportunity to receive screening the school year of 2021-2022.

The screenings are NOT an assessment or an evaluation and do NOT replace professional exams. Mass screening is considered best practice to identify students who may be at risk for health concerns affecting the student's ability to learn, and who may need extra support to reach academic benchmarks.

**Your student will receive screenings in the following areas:**

**Vision and Hearing. Resources are available for DPS enrolled students.**

You must notify your school nurse **directly** should you wish to **REFUSE/OPT OUT** of any of the free screenings for your student.

The health screening components of *vision and hearing* will be completed at your child's school on:

Dates: October 6th and October 7th

Please contact your school nurse for any questions or concerns about the health screenings. *Parents/guardians of students who were absent or who did not have optimal hearing or vision screening results will be notified in writing regarding the results.*

Thank you for your assistance as we work together to educate and support your student!

Sincerely,

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