

Mass Hearing & Vision Screenings

Fact Sheet

Hearing and vision screenings are the responsibility of the general education program. Hearing and vision problems can go unnoticed and, if left untreated, can negatively impact the student's ability to succeed in the classroom.

FACTS: Hearing & Vision Screenings

- Hearing and vision screenings improve access to the general education curriculum and increase student success.
- Mass screenings do not require parent permission.
- The prevalence of vision loss in school-age children is one in four children.
- The prevalence of hearing loss in children ages birth to five is 3 in 1000, but it goes up to 9 in 1000 for school-aged children.
- Hearing and vision screenings are recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Georgia Department of Public Health for all school-aged children in Grades 1, 3, 5 and 8.
- Additionally, all students suspected of having a hearing or vision problem should be screened.
- Georgia requires hearing and vision screenings in the following situations:
 - Upon school entry Certificate of Vision, Hearing, Dental, And Nutrition Screening (3300 Form).
 - During the special education comprehensive evaluation process if suspected of having a disability in this area

How Do You Recognize a Student with Hearing Loss? (see "Common Sense Guidelines")