

StudentsHealth Screenings

The **School** District shall cause every child under its jurisdiction to be separately and carefully screened, except as otherwise provided by law, to ascertain if such a child is suffering from defective sight or hearing, dental defects, or other conditions as prescribed by the Department of Health and Human Services (“Department”). Such inspections shall be conducted on a schedule prescribed by the Department and shall be based on current medical and public health practice. In lieu of conducting the screenings, the **School** Board may employ regularly licensed physicians to make such screenings.

If such screening determines that any child has defective sight or hearing, dental defects, or other conditions for which screening is required, the school shall notify the parent/guardian of the child in writing of such condition and explain to the parent/guardian the necessity of professional attendance for such child.

Whenever a child apparently shows symptoms of any contagious or infectious disease, such child shall be sent home immediately or as soon as safe and proper conveyance can be found. Such student may be excluded from school as provided in the Student Discipline Act.

A child shall not be required to submit to a screening required by this policy if his or her parent/guardian provides school authorities with a statement signed by a physician, a physician assistant, or an advanced practice registered nurse practicing under and in accordance with his or her respective credentialing act or other qualified provider as identified by the Department’s applicable rules and regulations, stating that such child has undergone such required screening within the past six months. A child shall submit to any required screening for which such a statement is not received.

Legal Reference: [Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 79-248 and 79-249](#)
[Neb. Rev. Stat. § 79-264](#)
[Neb. Rev. Stat. § 79-526](#)

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