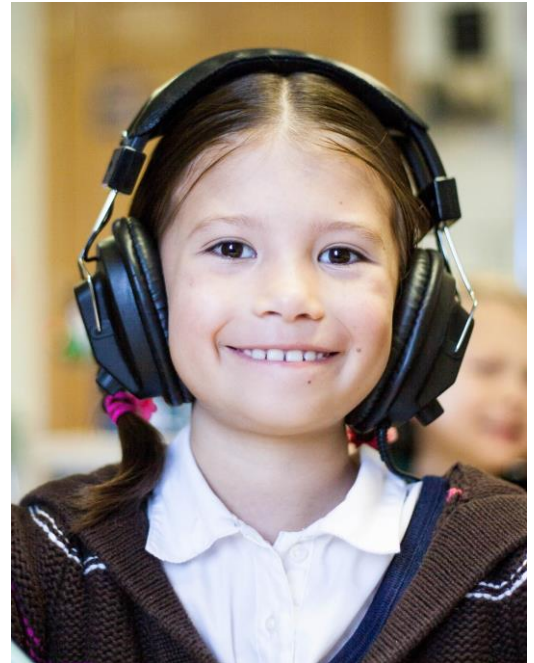


Vision, Hearing and Spinal Screening Requirements

The requirements for **VISION AND HEARING SCREENING** apply each year for children enrolled in any licensed child care center, child care home or school program at the ages or grades listed below:

WHO MUST BE SCREENED	WHEN SCREENING MUST BE DONE
4-year olds by September 1 st Kindergartners Any other first time entrants (4-years through 12 th Grade)	Within 120 days of admission
1 st -, 3 rd -, 5 th - and 7 th -graders	Any time within the school year (preferably within 120 days)



Children benefit from Vision, Hearing and Spinal Screenings

The requirements for **SPINAL SCREENING** apply each year for all children who attend public and private schools, to detect abnormal spinal curvature in accordance with the following schedule:

WHO MUST BE SCREENED	WHEN SCREENING MUST BE DONE
Girls two times	age 10 (or fall semester of grade 5) age 12 (or fall semester of grade 7)
Boys one time	age 13 or 14 (or fall semester of grade 8)

It is incumbent on schools to identify outliers (i.e., children promoted to higher grades or held back) and ensure their screenings align with appropriate ages rather than grades.

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