

## DEAR PARENT / GUARDIAN:

The Office of Student Health and Wellness offers a variety of direct services to meet the health needs and requirements of students and their families. In addition to helping families meet physical examinations and immunization requirements that enable children to attend school, health services provided through the dental examination, vision and hearing screening, vision examination programs help children and families address health related barriers to learning.

## VISION & HEARING SCREENING BEGINS:

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Most students will receive a vision and hearing screening at their local school by the Hearing and Vision Screening Technician assigned to the school building.

- » **Vision Screenings** are required annually for students in Pre-K, K, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> Grades. Students who are new to the District and students with a 504 Plan or IEP must also receive screening. The technician will also screen students being evaluated for an Individualized Education Program (IEP). Students in a Head Start early childhood classroom must receive screening within 45 days of the first day of attendance.
- » **Hearing Screenings** are required annually for students in Pre-K, K, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades. Students who are new to the District and students with a 504 Plan or IEP must also receive screening. The technician will also screen students being evaluated for an Individualized Education Program (IEP). Students in a Head Start early childhood classroom must receive screening within 45 days of the first day of attendance.
- » **Eye Examinations and Ear Examinations** may be accepted in place of a screening if performed within the previous twelve (12) months.
- » **Contact** Ken Papineau, Manager, at ([kgpapineau@cps.edu](mailto:kgpapineau@cps.edu) / 773-553-1810) for more information.

Screenings are not a substitute for an eye or ear exam by a licensed doctor or healthcare provider. Call the Illinois Eye Institute at the Princeton School Vision Clinic (312-949-7990) for an eye exam or the CPS Audiology Clinic (773-553-3610 ext. 1) for a hearing exam.

## VISION & HEARING SCREENING CLINICS:

Vision and Hearing Screening Clinics offer appointments for students who were absent or who are new to school. Appointments are available on most Wednesdays between 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. during the school year. Please call at least 2 weeks in advance. Schedule the appointment by calling 773-553-1810.

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## VISION EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS:

The Office of Student Health and Wellness offers a variety of resources to assist parents in obtaining vision examinations for their child(ren).

- » Vision exams are required by October 15<sup>th</sup> for students entering Kindergarten or entering Illinois schools for the first time at any grade level.
- » Vision exams are recommended for students who fail the vision screening; require an Individualized Education Program (IEP); receive teacher recommendation based upon classroom observation; experience squinting, tilting of the head, sitting close to the television, losing place while reading, rubbing eyes, excessive tearing or headaches.

## VISION EXAMINATION LOCATIONS:

- » **CPS Off-Site Services:** Schools may bus students to the Illinois Eye Institute at Princeton or the OneSight Vision Clinic at Princeton (5125 S. Princeton) to receive comprehensive vision services.
- » **School-Based Vision Services:** Each school is assigned to a mobile vision provider that can provide services to students at the school. Contact your child's school for more information.
- » **Community Services:** The VSP Sight for Student Vouchers allow community-based network doctors in various locations to provide services in communities.
- » Contact Katheryn Stafford-Hudson ([kgstaffordh@cps.edu](mailto:kgstaffordh@cps.edu) / 773-535-8675) for more information.