



MANDATED HEALTH SCREENINGS

[Massachusetts General Law, chapter 71, section 57 with related regulations 105 CMR 200.000](#) mandates that school nurses do periodic screenings of vision, hearing, growth (height and weight) and posture. Pursuant to these regulations, the Sandwich Public School nurses screen students according to the following schedule:

- **Vision:** Grades PK-5, 7, and 10
- **Hearing:** Grades K-3, 7, and 10
 - [200.400: Vision and Hearing Screenings](#)
- **Growth (Height and Weight/BMI):** Grades 1, 4, 7, and 10
 - [200.500: Height and Weight Measurements](#)
- **Postural (Scoliosis):** Annually in Grades 5-9
 - [Change in legislation is pending as of 8/12/2022](#)

Parents/guardians will be notified if a vision, hearing, or postural screening requires further evaluation. Included in this notification will be a request for a report from your health care provider of their findings so that the nurses are aware of any problems which may interfere with learning and can accommodate any needs that are identified.

Parents may choose not to have their child participate in any or all screenings. **Please notify your school nurse in writing within the first two weeks of school if you wish for your child to opt out of a screening. This must be done annually.**

If your child is receiving treatment for a vision, hearing, or postural concern, please provide your school nurse with current medical documentation of his/her condition.

