



# PARENTAL NOTIFICATION SCHOOL HEALTH ASSESSMENTS 2022-2023

School has contracted for health screenings with the South Dakota Department of Health (DOH), which is subject to the rules and regulations of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). HIPAA requires that the DOH provide access to our Notices of Privacy Practices. You may view the DOH notice on our website at <https://doh.sd.gov/documents/HIPAANotice.pdf> or request a printed copy by contacting us at 1-800-305-3064.

## Screenings to be provided during the 2022-2023 school year include:

**Vision Screening for students in Grades**

**Hearing Screening for students in Grades**

**Physical Assessments for students in Grades**

**Scoliosis Screening\* for girls in Grades**

**Scoliosis Screening\* for boys in Grades**

\*Abnormal curvature of the spine is usually first noticed at the beginning of the adolescent growth spurt. Often, early detection and appropriate treatment can prevent progression. The screening procedure takes about 30 seconds and may require the student to remove his/her shirt or blouse in order that the spine can be visually observed by the Community Health Nurse.

A child **not** included in the grades/service listed above can be screened with the written consent of the parent/legal guardian. Please contact the school or the Community Health Nurse to arrange for your child's screening.

Parent/Guardian will be notified of any concerns identified during the health screening so the child can be further evaluated by the provider of their choice.

The Community Health Nurse can discuss with the school classroom teacher possible accommodations in the classroom that can be made for the benefit of the child if a vision or hearing screen indicates a need for additional follow up.

**If you agree to your child's participation as indicated above, no further action is needed.**

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Community Health Nurse

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Office

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Phone Number

***If you want to Decline Screening services, please contact the school or the Community Health Nurse for further discussion. A form to Decline Screening will need to be signed.***