

# HEALTH SCREENING INFORMATION

## TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF STATE HEALTH SERVICES

### ● [Vision & Hearing Screening](#)

#### ○ Requirements

- As part of [Health and Safety Code, Chapter 36](#), the Vision & Hearing Screening Program requires that all children enrolled for the first time in any public, private, parochial, or denominational school or in a Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) licensed child care center and licensed child care home in Texas, or who meet certain grade criteria, must be screened or have a professional examination for possible vision & hearing problems.

Who Must Be Screened	When Screening Must Be Done
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● 4 years old by September 1</li><li>● Kindergartners</li><li>● Any other first-time entrants (4 years through 12th grade)</li></ul>	Within 120 days of admission
1st, 3rd, 5th and 7th graders	Anytime within the school year (preferably within first semester)

### ● [Spinal Screening](#)

#### ○ Requirements

- School-based spinal screening helps to identify adolescents with abnormal spinal curves and refer them for appropriate follow-up by their primary care physician. Screening can detect scoliosis at an early stage, when the curve is mild and may go unnoticed. Early detection is key to controlling spinal deformities. In compliance with Health and Safety Code, Chapter 37, all children shall undergo screening for abnormal spinal curvature in accordance with the following schedule:

Girls	Boys
Once at age 10 ( <i>or fall semester of grade 5</i> ) and again at age 12 ( <i>or fall semester of grade 7</i> )	Once at age 13 or 14 ( <i>or fall semester of grade 8</i> )

### ● [Texas Risk Assessment for Type 2 Diabetes](#)

- [2007 Senate Bill 415](#)
- *Description:* The Texas Risk Assessment for Type 2 Diabetes in Children is a legislatively mandated program developed, coordinated, and administrated by The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley Border Health Office (BHO). The program assesses children who may be at high risk of developing Type 2 Diabetes in Texas Education Agency Regional Education Service Centers 1, 2, 3, 4, 10, 11, 13, 15, 18, 19, and 20.
- *Schedule:* Same as Vision & Hearing listed above