



# Willingboro Public Schools

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

Developmental screening is an important part of early childhood education. Teachers at the Garfield East Early Childhood Development Center administer the Brigance III Early Screening to measure child development and skills. Screens are specific to the child's age and assess a range of age-appropriate tasks, providing a quick snapshot of a child's development and skill levels.

The Brigance Screening is administered to all pre-kindergarten students district-wide and can quickly and accurately identify potential learning delays and giftedness, monitor individual progress, and help the teacher plan developmentally appropriate instruction. It is not a readiness test and it is not used to determine eligibility for kindergarten.

Teachers typically administer the Brigance III Early Screening in-class during the month of October since the State requires all screening to be conducted in-person. Although students are currently learning through virtual instruction, we are still required to conduct in-person screening. Therefore, your child's teacher will contact you to schedule a time for the screening that will be conducted in fifteen minute intervals.

The safety of our students, parents and staff members are of the highest priority. Accordingly, comprehensive measures are in place to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. For this reason, the Brigance Screening process will take place in the multipurpose room to ensure safety and social distancing. Upon your child's arrival, the procedure is as follows:

- Parent will escort their child to multipurpose room outer doors;
- The child will have their temperature taken;
- Parent will complete the COVID screening form; and
- The child will be escorted to their teacher by a staff member to begin the screening process; and
- Upon completion of the screening process, the child will be escorted to the multipurpose room exit door to meet their parent for dismissal.

We do realize that you have many options regarding the education of your child, and we would like to thank you for selecting Willingboro Public School District to educate your child. If you have any questions or concerns about the screening or the program please contact me at (609) 835-8990, on extension 5501. You may also email me at [talucas@wboe.net](mailto:talucas@wboe.net) or the Early Childhood Supervisor, Chrystal Walker, at [cwalker@wboe.net](mailto:cwalker@wboe.net). We will be happy to speak with you via telephone or arrange a virtual conference.

Once again, thank you. We wish you and your child all the very best for continued good health and success throughout the school year.

Sincerely,

*Teresa-Anne Lucas*

Mrs. Teresa-Anne Lucas, Principal