



Kimberly Area School District

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**Kimberly Area School District
Hearing and Vision Screening**

Dear Parent(s) / Guardian(s),

Please find below information regarding the Kimberly Area School District hearing and vision screening program for the 2018-19 school year.

Hearing screenings will be done routinely in Early Childhood, **Pre-Kindergarten**, Kindergarten and First Grades only. Other children who will be screened are those who have a history of failed hearing screenings in previous school years (Grades 2-4), at a teacher's or parent's request and all students new to the Kimberly Area School District at the elementary level.

Hearing screenings are done up to two times by school personnel including speech and language staff and the school nurse. The screenings include **pure tone screening** and **tympanometry**. In pure tone screening the child wears headphones and listens for three soft tones. He/she drops a block or raises a hand each time a tone is heard. Results are recorded as PASS or FAIL. In tympanometry, a machine is used which measures eardrum movement and indicates if fluid or infection is behind the eardrum. Results are recorded as PASS or FAIL. If your child does not pass either the pure tone or tympanometry screening in either ear, he/she will be rescreened in 4-6 weeks. If your child does not pass the RESCREEN, a referral for medical and audiological evaluations will be made. These medical/audiological evaluations would be at your expense.

Vision screenings will be done routinely in **Pre-Kindergarten**, Kindergarten, First and Third grade only. Children in other grades will be screened upon teacher or parental request or as new students to the District.

Vision screenings are done twice by school personnel. The screenings requires your child to correctly identify alphabet letters or pictures. "Normal" vision during a screening for Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten is 20/40. "Normal" vision for First and Third Grades is 20/30. This screening will test your child's **far vision** only. If your child does not demonstrate the normal for their age category, you will receive a referral for your child to have their vision checked by a physician. This medical evaluation would be at your expense.

Please note that these are screenings. If you question the results of the school based screening, please refer to your family physician.

Screening dates for the 2018-19 school year will be:

Hearing – 9-17-18

Vision – 10-15-18

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the hearing or vision screenings, please contact your school office or the District nurses, Cindy Vandenberg @ 423-4144, Kathy Verstegen @ 423-4147 or Wendy Van Nuland @ 423-4150.