

The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) sets the requirements for what grades are routinely screened for vision and hearing.

Children to have vision screenings

- **Preschool children attending a school-based program shall be screened each year he/she is enrolled in preschool.**
- **School-aged children must be screened in grades: Kindergarten, first, third, fifth, seventh, ninth and eleventh.**
- **In addition, the following school children should be screened annually or upon occurrence:**
 - Children new to the school with no previously documented vision screening.
 - Children referred by a teacher or other school personnel.
 - Children absent during the previous vision screening.
 - Children whose parent/guardian request a vision screening.

Children to have hearing screenings

- **Preschool children attending a school-based program shall be screened each year he/she is enrolled in preschool.**
- **School-aged children shall be screened at six grade levels: kindergarten, first, third, fifth, ninth and eleventh.**
- **In addition, the following school children shall be screened annually or upon occurrence:**
 - Students new to a school (and not tested within the past 12 months).
 - Students referred by a teacher or other school personnel.
 - Students who were referred within the past year with no documented follow-up, regardless of grade.
 - Students absent during the previous hearing screening.
 - Students at risk for noise exposure (e.g., band, vocational education, industrial education, automotive mechanics).
 - Students who request a hearing screening.
 - Students whose parent/caregiver request a hearing screening.

Please click on the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) link below for more information on vision and hearing screening requirements.

<https://www.odh.ohio.gov/odhprograms/cfhs/hvscr/hvscr1.aspx>