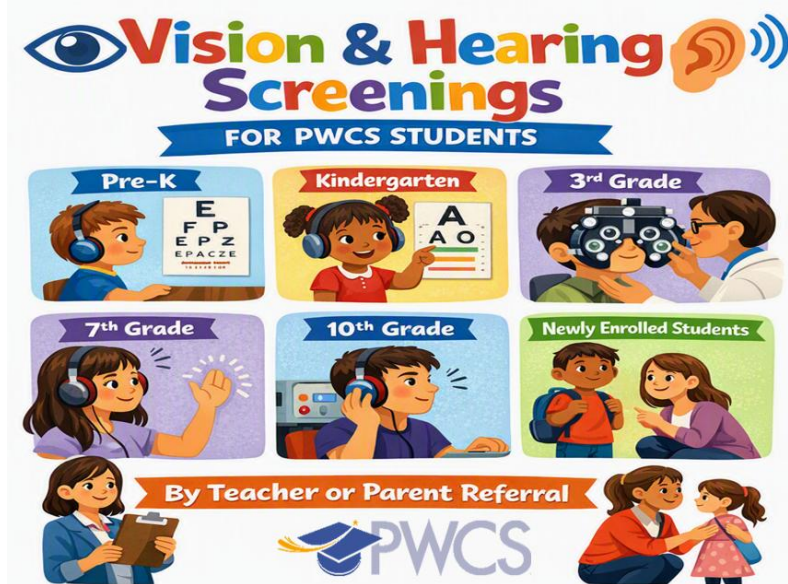


Vision and Hearing Screening Information



Good hearing and vision play an important role in a student's ability to learn, communicate, and participate fully in school. Routine screenings help identify potential concerns early so families can seek further evaluation and support when needed.

In accordance with the [Va. Code Section 22.1-273](#), Prince William County Public Schools (PWCS) conducts hearing and vision screenings to support student health, well-being, and academic success. These screenings are designed to:

- Support student health and academic achievement.
- Detect possible hearing or vision concerns as early as possible.
- Help prevent learning difficulties related to undiagnosed hearing or vision issues.
- Ensure students with identified hearing or vision impairments receive appropriate support and accommodations at school.

PWCS conducts hearing and vision screenings each year and as otherwise required by Virginia law.

When Are Screenings Conducted?

Screenings are provided for:

- **Newly enrolled students** (pre-K through grade 12) within 60 days of enrollment, unless documentation shows a hearing and vision screening was completed by a healthcare provider within the previous year.
- **Students in pre-K, kindergarten, grade 3, grade 7, and grade 10** during the first 60 administrative working days of the school year, unless a hearing and vision screening has been completed by a healthcare provider within the past year. Initial screenings generally occur in the fall.
- **Any student in pre-K through grade 12** when requested by a parent/guardian, teacher, special education staff member, or healthcare provider.

Who Conducts the Screenings?

Hearing and vision screenings may be completed by:

- School nurses
- Trained PWCS staff members
- Trained volunteers

Can Parents Decline Screening?

Yes. Parents or guardians may choose not to have their child participate in hearing and vision screenings by providing written notice to the school clinic.

Will Families Receive Screening Results?

Parents/guardians will be notified if screening results indicate that additional evaluation may be needed.

If follow-up care is recommended and your family needs assistance locating a specialist or accessing healthcare resources, the school nurse can help identify available options and support services.

Important Information for Families

Please notify the school nurse if your child is currently receiving care from a specialist for:

- Hearing loss or a significant hearing impairment in one or both ears.
- A visual impairment which is more significant than needing glasses or contact lenses.

Sharing this information helps the school support your child's health and educational needs.

Questions?

If you have questions about hearing and vision screenings, please contact your child's school nurse for additional information and assistance.

References

- [Virginia Department of Health Hearing and Vision Criteria](#)
- [Code of Virginia § 22.1-273](#)
- [PWCS Regulation 756-1, "Physical Screenings and Testing"](#)