

## Nebraska School Health Screenings as of July 1, 2017

### Frequently Asked Questions for Parents/Guardians

1. *Who can do school health screenings?*

All persons conducting school health screenings will need to meet competency requirements.

2. *What grade levels will receive school health screenings?*

Students in grades Pre-K, K, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 7th, and 10th.

3. *What health conditions will be screened for?*

School health screenings that are required include height, weight, and vision, hearing and dental. Schools will not be required to calculate BMI status.

4. *Can my own health provider do the health screenings instead?*

A child will not receive school health screenings if the parent/guardian has the screenings done by a physician, physician assistant, or APRN – NP and turns in a note to the school that the screenings have been done.

5. *Can school health screening information be taken from my child's physical exam?*

Yes, if it is present on the physical exam.

6. *My child has special needs. Will my child still receive school health screenings?*

Students with special healthcare needs who cannot be screened by usual methods at school will not be excluded or overlooked by the school health screening program.

7. *Can I object to my child's school health screenings?*

A child's parent/guardian may object to the requirement for his/her child to be screened for height and/or weight. This objection must be in writing, signed and dated and received by the school before the height and weight screening are done. A new written, dated objection must be received by the school for each year the child is in a grade level that will be screened for height and weight.

8. *Will my child's school health screening be kept confidential?*

All school health screening is protected by federal law and will be done in a confidential way and results will be kept in student's personal health record.

