

VIDOR INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT HEALTH SCREENING POLICY

Vidor School Health Services will follow the same guidelines as the Texas Department of State Health Services Health Screening Requirements.

OBJECTIVES:

- Students with vision/hearing/scoliosis problems will be identified.
- Nurses will work with parents to assure that the student's vision/hearing/scoliosis problem is corrected to the best possible.
- Teachers will be informed of students with visual/hearing handicaps.
- Community resources that can assist parents in getting remediation for visual/hearing/scoliosis problems will be developed.
- Parents will be assisted in identifying community resources as needed.

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- I. Within the first 120 days of school each school nurse, in conjunction with the nurse coordinator, will determine a date for required screenings to be on her campus. All VISD nurses, trained personnel, and volunteers will conduct group screenings on each campus as required by TDSHS. Students unable to be screened using traditional methods will be screened using the gross functional screening tools.
- II. Documentation
 - A. A district health screening tool will be completed for each student and will be initialed/signed by the screener.
 - B. The screener will document results for all tests they perform, highlighting all abnormal findings.
 - C. At completion of the screening process, documentation will be reviewed by at least two nurses, separating abnormal findings for re-screening.
 - D. Students will be re-screened as per TDSHS requirements.
- III. Referrals – Students identified as having failed any portion of a health screening, as based on TDSHS guidelines will be referred to the appropriate specialist for further evaluation.
 - A. Initial letter of referral to parent or guardian will be mailed. Date of referral will be documented on health screening tool and a copy of letter attached.
 - B. If no response, a second letter will be mailed and an attempt will be made by the nurse or an assigned employee of VISD to contact parent or guardian by telephone. All phone contacts will be documented on the screening tool.
 - C. Response to referral will be documented and attached to screening tool.
 - D. If no response after above attempts have been made, a certified/return receipt letter will be mailed. Signed receipt notification will be attached to screening tool.