PLEASE NOTE: Children should not be excluded from attending school if they don’t have the required Hearing and Vision Screening. MDHHS has started the process to allow leniency with the Kindergarten entry requirements, and Frequency of Screening as stated in the Rules associated with Part 92, Public Act 368 of 1978. As well as, leniency for the MCIR reporting Deadline of November 1, 2020. Notification will be sent as soon as a signed Executive order has been enacted.
Allegan County Health Department is committed to best practices for conducting hearing and vision screening, which necessitates in-person contact between the screener and the child. As always, our consideration of staff and student safety stand at the forefront. Hearing and Vision screenings may look different, so we can accommodate each school appropriately. Since many schools have different options we will review availability of space and resources as we schedule schools for the 2020-2021 school year.
- Priority will be given to schools that were unable to be screened last year due to Covid-19 School closures.
- ACHD will screen Kindergarten vision for those students who have not been screened prior to entrance.
- ACHD Hearing and Vision Technicians will adhere to the MDHHS Infection Control and Cleaning guidance during screenings.

Documents you will need:
- School Scheduling form
- Opt Out Form
- Allegan County Health Department Clinic Schedule

1) Complete your school scheduling form.
2) Email or fax form back to ACHD.
3) A Hearing and Vision Technician will consult with you about scheduling.
4) You will receive a confirmation email for your screening.
CHECKLIST FOR HEARING & VISION PROGRAM

PRE-K Vision & Hearing
Hearing for Kindergarten, 2nd and 4th graders

Vision for 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th and 9th graders

The technician will need:
- a room that is “quiet” and can seat at least eight students for the hearing screening.
- a room that has 15 feet of floor space for vision screening of preschool students.
- a map of the school, class schedules, and recess/lunch times.
- to be made aware of any drills, and of any classrooms that have planned time away from the building during our visit.
- class lists which include: parent’s name, student’s name, student’s date of birth, address, and phone number
- class lists for vision screening (grades 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9) are finalized.
- class lists for hearing screening (Kindergarten, 2nd, and 4th graders) are finalized.
- to know if any students are hearing impaired or wear any hearing devices.
- To know if any of your students has a shunt device. The technician should not screen students who have shunts.

The parent/guardian is given:
- notification of screening dates. Students should wear glasses/hearing aids on testing days.
- Parents are given the opportunity to provide documentation of a recent screening or to refuse screening.

The teacher is:
- given the screening dates prior to technicians arrival.
- aware that they can request additional screening (hearing/vision), if that is not what is normally screened for the grade.
- aware that hearing and vision screenings will occur anytime during the scheduled school day.
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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

FERPA FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS, K12 SCHOOL OFFICIALS AND POSTSECONDARY SCHOOL OFFICIALS

PROTECTION OF PUPIL RIGHTS AMENDMENT (PPRA) GUIDANCE AND NOTICES

SCHOOLS MAY DISCLOSE, WITHOUT CONSENT, "DIRECTORY" INFORMATION SUCH AS A STUDENT'S NAME, ADDRESS, TELEPHONE NUMBER, DATE AND PLACE OF BIRTH, HONORS AND AWARDS, AND DATES OF ATTENDANCE. HOWEVER, SCHOOLS MUST TELL PARENTS AND ELIGIBLE STUDENTS ABOUT DIRECTORY INFORMATION AND ALLOW PARENTS AND ELIGIBLE STUDENTS A REASONABLE AMOUNT OF TIME TO REQUEST THAT THE SCHOOL NOT DISCLOSE DIRECTORY INFORMATION ABOUT THEM. SCHOOLS MUST NOTIFY PARENTS AND ELIGIBLE STUDENTS ANNUALLY OF THEIR RIGHTS UNDER FERPA. THE ACTUAL MEANS OF NOTIFICATION (SPECIAL LETTER, INCLUSION IN A PTA BULLETIN, STUDENT HANDBOOK, OR NEWSPAPER ARTICLE) IS LEFT TO THE DISCRETION OF EACH SCHOOL.
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WEBSITES:

www.allegancounty.org  
Allegan County Hearing & Vision Screening

www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-73971_4911_4912-260177-00.html  
MDHHS Hearing & Vision Screening

www.MICR.org  
School and Childcare drop down to:  
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Student records  
Vision Screening Functions
Michigan schools work collaboratively with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and the Local Health Departments (LHD) to allow Hearing Screening Program technicians to perform screenings in all public, private, and charter schools as well as formal preschool programs.
NOTICE REGARDING CHILDREN WITH DIGITALLY PROGRAMMABLE SHUNTS & OTHER MEDICAL DEVICES THAT CONTAIN MAGNETS

Screenings are performed with portable audiometers and the audiometer headphones have magnets with large field gradients. The headphones have been tested in a professional medical laboratory by Codman, a Johnson and Johnson Company. The results of the tests indicate that children with digitally programmable shunts or other implanted medical devices (pacemakers, Vagus Nerve Stimulators for preventing seizures, Baclofen Pumps for spinal cord injuries, etc.) may be at risk for unintended changes in the device settings because of the magnetic strength.

In order to best protect children, it is imperative that the technicians are informed which children have digitally programmable shunts or other implanted medical devices so that hearing screening services are not provided. Parents of children with implanted medical devices who are interested in hearing screening should contact their physician for a referral to an audiologist.
HEARING SCREENING

The Michigan Hearing Screening Program is a three-stage process designed to identify children with hearing loss and/or middle ear dysfunction. Most of the children screened are between 3 and 12 years of age. Over 475,000 children are screened each year in the following way:

• STAGE I: Using a pure tone audiometer, a preliminary screening is performed at the frequencies of 1000, 2000 and 4000 Hertz (Hz) at the intensity levels of 20, 20 and 25 decibels hearing level (DBHL) respectively, in each ear.

• STAGE II: Children referred from Stage I receive a more detailed screening approximately 4 weeks after the initial referral is made. This screening requires the child to respond to 250, 500, 1000, 2000, 4000 and 8000 Hz at the levels of 30, 25, 20, 15, 25 and 40dBHL respectively, in each ear. A child responding appropriately to all of the test tones is considered to be no longer at-risk for hearing loss. If the child fails to respond to just one stimulus presentation, an audiogram (threshold test) is immediately conducted for the octave frequencies 250 through 8000 Hz in each ear. Unmasked bone conduction thresholds are also obtained at 250, 500, 1000, 2000 and 4000 Hz.

• STAGE III: This is the medical referral and final stage of the screening process.
Local Health Departments, in cooperation with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), conduct vision screening programs for pre-school (ages 3-5) and school-age children at regular intervals (grades 1, 3, 5, 7, 9). The screening battery is administered by vision technicians who have been trained by MDHHS following the Public Health Code and the Minimum Program Requirements for vision screenings.

The screening battery is in no way meant to be diagnostic. A failure of one or more tests in a screening or an observable symptom results in a referral and may or may not be indicative of an eye problem requiring treatment. Since September 1, 2000, all county health department vision technicians have included the two-line difference test with both the pre-school and school age vision screening batteries. Referral is based upon the failure of one or more tests in the screening battery.
VISION SCREENING
PRE-SCHOOL (AGES 3-5) AND KINDERGARTEN CHILDREN

REFERRAL CRITERIA:

VISUAL ACUITY TEST (with LEA Symbols Cards) - inability to correctly read at least 4 of 6 LEA symbols at 20/40 with both the R and L eyes

TWO-LINE DIFFERENCE TEST - inability to correctly read at least 4 out of 6 LEA symbols at 20/25 with only one eye after having read correctly 4, 5 or 6 LEA symbols at 20/40 with both the right and left eyes

STEREO BUTTERFLY (near) - inability to correctly identify the butterfly with the use of polaroid lenses
VISION SCREENING
SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN (GRADES 1-9)
(USING APPROVED TITMUS SCREENING METHOD)

REFERRAL CRITERIA:
PHORIA TEST Far Point (20 feet) Hyperphoria 1.5 prism diopters Esophoria 6 prism diopters Exophoria 4 prism diopters

VISUAL ACUITY TEST-inability to correctly read at least 4 of 6 Snellen E symbols at 20/30 with both the R and L eyes

TWO-LINE DIFFERENCE TEST-inability to correctly read at least 4 of 6 Snellen E symbols at 20/20 with only one eye after having correctly read 4, 5 or 6 of the Snellen symbols at 20/30 with both eyes

PLUS LENS TEST -ability to correctly read at least 4 of 6 Snellen E symbols at 20/20 with either eye while using a +1.75D plus sphere lens
INSTRUCTIONS FOR REPORTING VISION SCREENING IN MCIR

A MCIR Reference Guide

MCIR Vision Screening Functionality

Marking an Individual Record for Vision Screening
- From the General Information Screen in the student’s record, under the School/Childcare section, click Edit Information.

* Click the Vision Screened check box.

* Click Submit.

Modifying Multiple Records
- From the home screen under the person tab, click Roster.
- From the modify roster screen, click Modify Roster (shown below).