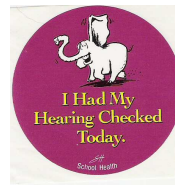
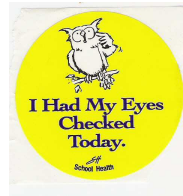


Each year, your preschooler is screened by a certified school nurse for growth, blood pressure, hearing and vision. If your child fails a screening, you will receive a referral letter to bring with you when you have your child assessed by a health care professional. You may notice stickers like the ones below on your child's folder:



Young children with vision problems often do not know that the way they see the world is not the way everyone sees it. Yet vision problems affect one in 20 preschoolers. Without early detection and treatment, children's vision problems can lead to permanent vision loss and/or learning difficulties.

Only an ophthalmologist or optometrist can diagnose and treat a vision problem, but screenings help find children who need a comprehensive eye exam.

If your child fails a hearing screening, he or she will be rescreened in 2 weeks. (If he or she is congested, the hearing can be temporarily affected; 2 weeks should be enough time to clear the congestion) If he or she fails a second screening, then a referral to your pediatrician or ENT is made.

Blood pressure and growth screenings are referred to your child's primary care physician for follow up.

All referrals should be returned to the school nurse with recommendations for treatment if appropriate and your health care provider's stamp and signature.