

According to Chapter 53 Laws of 1980, all public schools in New York State must have a screening program. Each Board of Education shall provide for the screening of:

- 1) Every new entrant to school, to determine whether pupils may possibly be handicapped or gifted.
- 2) Pupils who score below 13 on the third grade DRP Reading test or 21 on the third grade PEP Mathematics test.

The screening program is designed to obtain information regarding a child's development in the following areas:

Physical Development
Cognitive Development
Receptive and Expressive Language Development
Articulation Skills
Motor Development

Such screening shall also include, but not be limited to a physical examination pursuant to the provisions of sections 901, 903 and 904 of the education law, including proof of immunization as required by section 2164 of the public health law.

A list of the test and methods used to assess these areas is available upon request.

If as a result of the screening, the pupil is suspected of having a handicapping condition, then a referral is made to our local Committee on Special Education for further action, and procedures will begin from there. If the pupil is thought to be possibly gifted, then a referral is made to the school administrator for further action. Should this be the case with a child, the parent will be notified.

In any event, parents will receive the results of the screening once it is completed.

The results of this screening procedure will not be used to prevent any resident child from attending school.

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