



St. Louis Park Public Schools

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St. Louis Park Schools Early Childhood Screening

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Who: All children who live in St. Louis Park and will attend Kindergarten in the fall need to be screened. ***The State of Minnesota requires that all children be screened before they enter Kindergarten.*** If your child has not been screened, ***now*** is the time to do it.

What: Early childhood screening is an early look at a child's development. It is a free check of your child's vision, hearing, height, weight and development as well as a brief review of his or her health history and immunization records. The screening tools are designed to provide a snapshot of your child's motor skills, thinking skills, and speech/language skills. This is not an IQ test nor an achievement test. The screening does not determine kindergarten readiness. The purpose is to identify children who have health or developmental concerns so they may be addressed as early as possible.

Screening is not a substitute for health care from your family physician, dentist or other health care providers.

When screening has been completed, the nurse will explain your child's results. You will have an opportunity to discuss any concerns you may have about your child's development or circumstances which could affect your child's learning with a parent educator. The nurse may suggest you and your child be re-screened or receive follow-up services from other sources. The screening process takes approximately 1 hour.

Where: Screenings are held in the Central Clinic located at the back of the Central Community Center of 35 Street and Wooddale Ave.

When: Call Lisa at 952-928-6726 now for an appointment. Screening is currently offered on Thursdays and some Fridays.

Why: Screening helps identify children who may benefit from early childhood services before they enter school and connects them with the appropriate resources and programs. If your child has already been screened, he/she does not need to be screened again. Please call 952-928-6726 with any questions.