



Early Childhood Screening

State law requires that all young children in Minnesota be screened before entering a public school. Early childhood screening is a quick and simple check of a child's school readiness starting at age three. It also provides parents with an opportunity to prepare children for school success through additional resources. Screening must be conducted at your home school district.

What is early childhood screening?

The purpose of screening is to promote school readiness and improved health of young children by early detection of any possible health or learning concerns. This screening is *FREE*.

Screening includes the following components:

- Sensory screening (hearing and vision)
- Growth (height and weight measurement)
- Developmental (cognitive, social/emotional, fine/gross motor, speech/language)
- Immunization review
- Identification of risk factors that may influence learning
- Summary review with the parent, which will include a full report of learning and growth development
- Referral and follow-up if potential needs are identified

When should screening be done?

Children should be screened between the ages of 3 to 4 years old. Early detection of possible health or learning concerns is critical! Scoring is based on the child's age at the time of screening, so being older does not give a child any advantage.

Where do I go for screening and when?

Free screening will be held in the fall of 2014 and the spring of 2015 at the Immaculate Conception religious education building at 112 Church Street, St. Clair MN 56080.

How do I set up an appointment?

Call the St. Clair School elementary office at 507-245-3533 x225 to set up a screening time.

Who does the screening?

A licensed teacher and a school nurse will oversee the screening of your child.

How should I prepare for screening?

- Bring completed health information (shot records)
- Allow 1 ½ to 2 hours for registration, screening and summary
- If possible, arrange care for siblings so you can focus on the child being screened
- Additional questions can be directed to the elementary office at 507-245-3533.

