

**SCREENING OF NEW SCHOOL ENTRANTS**

The Board of Education shall provide for the screening of every new entrant to school to determine which students may have disabilities, or may be limited English proficient. Such screening shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- a) A physical examination in accordance with Sections 901, 903, and 904 of the Education Law, including proof of immunization as required by Section 2164 of the Public Health Law;
- b) An assessment of language development and cognitive ability in the student's native language, if the language of the home is not English.

If such screening indicates a possible disability, a referral shall be made to the appropriate committee no later than 15 calendar days after completion of such diagnostic screening.

If such screening indicates a child identified as possibly being limited English proficient, such child shall be provided appropriate transitional bilingual or free-standing ESL programs.

**Reporting to Parents**

Parents/legal guardians of children to be screened shall receive information in advance regarding the purpose of screening, the areas to be screened and the referral process. The information shall be communicated either orally or in writing in the parents' primary language(s). This information will be provided during the registration interview.

Parents/legal guardians have the right to request information regarding their child's performance during screening. They shall have access to the screening results and obtain copies upon request.

**Confidentiality of Information**

The Board of Education's policy and administrative regulations in accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, Public Law 93-380, shall apply to all information collected about a child through the screening program. In accordance with the policy and regulations, parents shall be informed of their right to privacy, their right to access to the records and their right to challenge those records should they be inaccurate, misleading or otherwise inappropriate.

Education Law Section 3208(5)  
Commissioner's Regulations Sections 117.3 and 154  
Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act of 1974

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