



## ***Community Unit School District #4***

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Dear Parents:

We will begin conducting annual vision and hearing screenings for students in the district in the next couple of weeks. Hearing screening is required annually on all children in special education, children new to the district, and teacher/parent referrals. Hearing screening is also required beginning at age 3 in all licensed daycare/preschool programs. Once a child begins school, hearing screening is required at grades K, 1, 2 and 3. Vision screening is required annually on all children in special education, children new to the district, and teacher/parent referrals. Vision screening is also required beginning at age 3 in all licensed daycare/preschool programs. Once a child begins school, vision screening is required in grades K, 2 and 8. If your child has had a vision exam by an optometrist or ophthalmologist within the previous 12 months and their report is on file at the school, the student is not required to undergo the vision screening.

Before a vision screening is conducted, Illinois law requires written notification that states: "Vision screening is ***not a substitute*** for a complete eye and vision evaluation by an eye doctor. Your child is not required to undergo this vision screening if an optometrist or ophthalmologist has completed and signed a report form indicating that an examination has been administered within the previous 12 months."

You will be notified if your child has failed either one of the vision or hearing screenings. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact me at the number listed below. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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