

Dickson County Board of Education

Monitoring: Review: Annually, in November	Descriptor Term: Comprehensive Screening Plan	Descriptor Code: 4.2021	Issued Date: 04/26/12
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1 The Comprehensive Student Evaluation Program includes screening, referral, assessment, educational planning,
2 program placement and re-evaluation. State law mandates the implementation of a comprehensive screening
3 program in every school system. By definition, screening is a measurement activity which identifies in the
4 general population those children who appear to be in need of special services in order to develop to their
5 maximum potential. Screening results in a systematic collection of information on every child to determine which
6 children require further evaluation. Screening is a source of valuable information about the development of
7 children, but has limitations in that it can only indicate the possible presence of an impairment, a problem or
8 special abilities.

9 The school system collects screening data through the use of standardized tests, observations, informal tests and
10 grading procedures.

11 The screening program must be a part of the regular education program and within the scope of routine educational
12 practice. Parental consent is not required for screening to be conducted. Parents should, however, be informed
13 about the screening program and notified of the results.

14 Every child in the school district shall be included in the screening program.

15 Results of the screening program shall lead to one of three conclusions:

- 16 1. The student's needs are being satisfactorily met through present placement, with no need for supportive or
17 supplemental services.
- 18 2. The student's needs can be met by the teacher with adjustments within the classroom environment.
- 19 3. A more comprehensive assessment is required to determine the student's strengths and weaknesses so that
20 an appropriate education program may be designed.

21 The screening program shall be emphasized in the primary grades in order to identify the student's problems early
22 and to initiate appropriate educational strategies. Screening shall occur before or within a reasonable time of
23 school entrance and periodically during the student's school career.

24 New students entering a school system at any grade level must receive a complete screening if information is not
25 available in the student's permanent record.

26 The screening program for Dickson County School System shall include:

- 27 1. Coordinated School Health screenings will be performed annually per state requirements for Grades K, 2,
28 4, 6, 8, and 9th grade Wellness classes.
- 29 2. A pre-first grade screening program approved by the State Department of Education which includes the follow-
30 ing required components: medical, developmental, social development, speech and language, and readiness.
31 Proof of immunization and a complete medical examination, along with visual and auditory screening, encom-
32 pass the medical screening. Developmental screening contains visual and auditory perception and gross and
33 fine motor skills. Social development envelops social responsiveness, conformity to rules, self concept, and self
34 direction. Speech screening identifies articulation and fluency while language screening defines receptive and
35 expressive abilities. Readiness tests will assess development in skills that contribute to "readiness for first grade
36 instruction." Pre-first grade screening is conducted prior to entrance in first grade and is an integral part of
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- kindergarten (ongoing process throughout kindergarten year).
- 3. Speech screening is conducted on all referrals from kindergarten - first screening or any other students upon teacher request.
- 4. Vision screening using the Professional Vision Tester, conducted as a service of the local Lion’s Club, includes all students in grades K, 2, 4, 6, 8, and 9th grade Wellness classes and any other students upon teacher request.
- 5. Hearing screening using pure tone audiometers includes all students in grades K, 2, 4, 6, 8, and 9th grade Wellness classes and any other students upon teacher request. Also, hearing screening is conducted on all students who were retained the previous year, all special education students, and any new student who enrolls in the Dickson County School System.
- 6. Group tests will be administered as follows:
 - a. Tennessee Comprehensive Assessment Program: grades two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, and ten - Spring.
 - b. Proficiency Tests: grades nine, ten, eleven, and twelve - Dates mandated by state.

Testing dates will be subject to change, as indicated by instructional needs and school activities. At the present time, state funds are provided for mandated group tests which includes spring testing of third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, and tenth grades; and proficiency testing of ninth, tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grades.

Should changes occur in either state or local funding for screening, the adopted screening program is flexible and subject to modification as necessary to meet legal guidelines and financial limitations.

The screening program, as adopted, is designed to meet the screening responsibilities of the local school system as mandated by state and federal laws. In addition, it is proposed that implementation of the described screening program will serve to assess and improve the instructional program to meet the needs of all students in Dickson County Schools.