**HEALTH SCREENINGS: STUDENTS**

**Background:**

Missoula County Public Schools promotes an environment which contributes to the health of students. To do so, students attending Missoula County Public Schools will be provided with periodic health screenings, such as vision and hearing.

Screenings are done to identify or detect commonly occurring diseases, entities, health problems or conditions in order to facilitate early intervention that will be significantly beneficial to the student. (Proctor, 2009)

**Procedures:**

* School nurses are responsible for the completion of the vision screening for students.
* Current grade levels are preschool through 5th grade.
* Parents or staff may request vision screening for individual students outside of the planned grade level screenings.
* Speech language pathologists and an audiologist are responsible for the completion of hearing screening for students.
* Current grade levels are kindergarten, 1st, and 10th grade students
* Parents or staff may request hearing screening for individual students outside of the planned grade level screenings.
* Parents/legal guardians of students who are identified as (potentially) having deficiencies will be notified of screening results and encouraged to seek professional care.