



Parents & Guardians:

In accordance with Ohio Law, all students entering kindergarten for the first time as well as any first-grade students newly enrolled in our school, will receive hearing & vision screening. Toledo Preparatory Academy will conduct screenings for these students by the end of October.

*Why is it important to have your child's hearing screened?*

- Hearing is important for speech, language development, reading and learning
- A hearing screening can detect if your child needs further hearing testing.
- Even if your child has passed a hearing screening previously, their hearing can change.
- Hearing problems can be related to medical problems.
- Hearing loss is invisible and child may appear to be not paying attention. Hearing screening will consist of one or more of the following tests:
  - Tympanometry - Screening of middle ear function to determine presence/absence of middle ear fluid and/or wax which could interfere with normal hearing.
  - Audiometry - Screening of hearing acuity.
  - Otoacoustic Emissions (OAE) - An objective test that screens for an estimate of hearing sensitivity. If your child passes the hearing screening, you may not be contacted. A hearing screening only provides a snapshot of how your child performs on the day the test was administered and is not a substitute for a complete hearing evaluation by an audiologist. If your child fails either part of the screening, a rescreen and/or referral will be made.

*Why is it important to have your child's vision screened?*

To identify if your child has vision problems or might be at risk for vision problems. Vision screening will consist of any of the following tests:

1. Observation.
2. Monocular Distance Visual Acuity.
3. Ocular Muscle Balance test.
4. Stereopsis test.
5. Color Deficit test (males only).

A vision screening provides only a snapshot of how your child performs on the day the test was administered and is not a substitute for a complete eye exam by an optometrist or ophthalmologist.

If you do not wish to have your child screened, please send a signed written statement to the effect that you do not wish to have your child screened.

Please direct any questions the school's front office at 419-574-0965.

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