

## STUDENTS

Vision, Hearing and Scoliosis ScreeningVision Screening

The school district nurse is responsible for coordinating and conducting the vision screening. Screening schedule: Grades 1,3,5,8 will be screened annually. Students new to the Bozeman School District, special education students and those students referred by teachers will also be screened annually. The parent or guardian of the student will be notified by the school district nurse if the vision screening results warrant a more in-depth vision evaluation. The school district nurse may assist with referrals to community resources if the parent or guardian has financial concerns.

Hearing Screening

Audiology screening for the district's hearing screening are provided through a statewide contract with local school district. Funds are provided through a legislative appropriation. Local school districts can bid to provide the program through the Office of Public Instruction.

At the local level, the hearing screening and periodic follow-up is coordinated by the speech/language clinicians with the assistance of the school district nurse and parent volunteers. Audiological services are provided by the audiologist contracted by the local school district in this area.

Screening Schedule: Grades K-1-10 are screened annually as are new students, special education students and individual students referred by teachers, parents or students themselves. Preschoolers located within the elementary district are individually screened once per year. Preschoolers may also be screened throughout the year on a referral basis. Students enrolled in the private schools are screened via a school contract with the local audiologist.

Location and Times: All schools age students are screened in the building where they are enrolled.

Prescreening: Following the initial screening, it is our practice to hold at least one rescreen for grades K-9. The rescreening focuses on absentees, new students and borderline losses or suspected middle ear problems. These rescreenings are conducted by the audiologist and include impedance as well as the puretone screening.

Comprehensive Evaluation: If the screening results warrant further evaluation, the audiologist will notify the parent and refer the student for a comprehensive hearing evaluation. The audiologist has discretionary funds to pay for the evaluation. These evaluations are conducted locally by a private audiologist with arrangements made by the parent.

Report of Testing Information and Possible Referral to Child Study Team

A record of hearing screening results is maintained by the audiologist. A copy is also located in each school as well as in the cumulative records of children at the elementary level. The audiologist informs the building speech clinician of the rescreen results and the speech clinician is responsible for information teachers of children in their classrooms who may be having difficulty hearing. Reports of comprehensive evaluations

are sent to the building speech clinicians who disseminate the information. A child study team will be convened if recommended by the audiologist, speech clinician, teacher or parent.

#### Scoliosis Screening

The scoliosis screening shall be coordinated by the school district nurse in conjunction with the health education staff. Scoliosis screens will be done by referral only. The parent or guardian of the student will be notified by the school district nurse if the screening tests indicate symptoms consistent with the presence of scoliosis. The parent or guardian will be urged to seek additional professional care.