

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Cherry Hill, New Jersey

POLICY 5141.31

AUDIOMETRIC SCREENING

In accord with New Jersey Statutes Annotated (N.J.S.A.) 18A:4-15, 18A:40-4 and New Jersey Administrative Code (N.J.A.C.), Title 6, Education Subtitle F, Division of Curriculum and Instruction, Chapter 29, Health, Safety and Physical Education Subchapter 8, Audiometric Screening, the Cherry Hill Board of Education has established the following requirements and standards for audiometric screening.

BASIC REQUIREMENTS

1. Auditory screening shall be conducted for pupils yearly who are:
 - a. Enrolled in pre-school program;
 - b. Enrolled in grades kindergarten through 4;
 - c. Enrolled in grades 6, 8 and 10;
 - d. Entering the district with no recent record of hearing screening;
 - e. At risk for hearing impairment;
 - f. Referred to Child Study Team for evaluation;
 - g. Referred for screening by a teacher, a parent or at the pupil's own request.
2. The medical inspector, certified school nurse, or the health care personnel shall conduct the hearing screening. All screening shall be conducted in cooperation with the school nurse..
3. Each pupil shall be screened individually with an audiometer which is calibrated annually in accordance with ANSI S3.6-1969, "American National Standards Specifications for Audiometers," at 20 dB HL in a screening room at the following frequencies: 500 Hz, 1000 Hz, 2000 Hz, 3000 Hz, and 4000 Hz. (See N.J.A.C. 6:29-8.1 and Cherry Hill Schools Audiometric Procedure)
4. A pupil who fails to respond to any one frequency in either ear shall be screened again in four to six weeks.
5. If a pupil fails to respond to the same frequency or frequencies in the same ear on the second valid screening, the pupil shall be considered to have failed the screening and should be referred for further evaluation.
6. A pupil who fails to respond at a different frequency or difference frequencies on the second screening shall be screened a third time within two weeks.

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7. A pupil who fails to respond at any one frequency on the third screening shall be considered to have failed the screening and should be referred to further evaluation.
8. The parent or guardian of pupils failing auditory screening shall be notified, in writing, by the school nurse of the necessity for additional evaluation by a physician or family health care provider.
9. Notification of parent or guardian in writing on health service form A7. Nurse will retain one copy. Original would be mailed to parents or guardian.

DEFINITIONS

1. "Audiometer" means an electroacoustical generator which provides pure tones at selected frequencies of output through calibrated earphones mounted in MX41/AR earmuffs. Audiometers shall be calibrated annually in accordance with ANSI S3.6-1969, "American National Standards Specifications for Audiometers," which with all subsequent amendments and supplements is hereby adopted as a rule.
2. "Audiometric screening" means a procedure used to determine a pupil's response to an auditory signal at a given frequency and decibel level.
3. "Health care personnel" means a certified school nurse or an employee of the district board of education trained in audiometric screening and who is working under the immediate direction of the medical inspector, including but not limited to speech correctionists and audiologists.
4. "Pupils at risk for hearing impairment" means pupils with communication disorders, pupils with cleft palate, pupils with allergies, pupils with frequent upper respiratory or middle ear infections, pupils taking ototoxic medication, pupils who are exposed to sudden or continuous loud noises.
5. "Screening room" means any environment in which an adult with normal hearing can hear a 20dB HL signal at the frequencies of 500 Hz, 100 Hz., 2000 Hz, 3000 Hz and 4000 Hz.

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