

Hearing Screening Information Letter

Hearing screenings will begin in January on all students in grade 11 and students at-risk for noise exposure in grade 12 (industrial/automotive), as required by state law. CDC-recommended best practices to reduce disease transmission will be observed. If you do not want your child screened this year, you must complete a hearing screening waiver and return it to the School Nurse. The waiver can be found under the Forms heading in the High School/Parent section on the Tolles website at tollestechnology.com.

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 your child may appear to be not paying attention.

The 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.

How will the results be shared?

If your child passes the hearing screening, you will not be contacted. You are welcome to contact the nurse to learn the screening findings.

If your child does not pass the screening, they will be re-screened on a later date and a referral may be made.

A hearing screening only provides a snapshot of how your child performed on the day the test was administered and is not a substitute for a complete hearing evaluation by an audiologist.

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