

Learning Prep School
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Dear Parent,

We are writing to inform you that we are starting screenings for scoliosis, vision, hearing and height/weight. The screenings are done on an individual basis so that your child's privacy is maintained. The screening for scoliosis consists of inspecting your child's back, while the child stands up straight, and bends forward. The back needs to be visualized for this, so the boys are asked to remove their shirts. The girls are asked to remove their shirts, but leave undershirts and bras on. Girls may be more comfortable wearing a sports bra under their clothing. This screening should only take a few minutes. You will be informed if your child shows any degree of abnormality in his/her spine, vision, or with any hearing concerns. Fourth, seventh and tenth grade students will receive a letter home informing parents of their child's Body Mass Index (BMI), a calculated percentile from your child's height and weight.

According to Massachusetts State Regulations, the following screenings will be performed based on the student's age.

- 2nd Grade --- vision and hearing
- 3rd Grade --- vision and hearing
- 4th Grade --- height/weight (BMI), vision and hearing
- 5th Grade --- vision and scoliosis
- 6th Grade --- vision, scoliosis and hearing
- 7th Grade --- height/weight (BMI) and scoliosis
- 8th Grade --- scoliosis
- 9th Grade --- vision, scoliosis, and hearing
- 10th Grade --- height/weight (BMI)

If you do not want LPS Nursing Staff screening your child, please provide us with documentation that your child's physician has recently performed screenings. This form must include the physician's signature. Please include a note from a parent/guardian as well. Any questions please don't hesitate to call us at 617-965-0764 ext. 410.

Thank you,

LPS Nursing Staff