

## Vision, Hearing, Body Mass Index, and Scoliosis Screenings

“To address the educational and health needs of students, it is necessary to first assess their physical health and wellbeing. Health Screening techniques allow for early identification of suspected abnormalities. Subsequently, parents and educators can utilize all available health information to plan educational programs and related activities most suited to each student’s needs and abilities (School Health Administrative Resource Manual, 2021).”

Citrus County Schools provides vision, hearing, scoliosis, and growth and development screenings as mandated by section 381.0056 Florida Statutes. Citrus County Schools also provides additional screening of vision in grades Pre-School, 9<sup>th</sup> grade, and 10<sup>th</sup> grade.

- **Pre-Kindergarten**-Vision screening by volunteers of the **Inverness Lion’s Club**
- **Kindergarten**-Vision screening and hearing screening
- **1<sup>st</sup> grade**-Vision and hearing screening, and growth and development (height and weight)
- **3<sup>rd</sup> grade**-Vision screening and growth and development (height and weight)
- **6<sup>th</sup> grade**-Vision and hearing screening, growth and development (height and weight) and scoliosis screening
- **New to FL (Grades K-5<sup>th</sup>)**-Vision and hearing screening
- **9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade**-Vision screening by volunteers of the **Homosassa Lion’s Club**

Citrus County Schools will send a Referral Letter to the parent or guardian of students who have results that are not within the parameters indicated, with the intent that the parent or guardian will follow up with a health care provider. The district requests that parents or guardians then share with the school health staff that they have or have not followed-up with a healthcare practitioner for completion of this process.

Parents and guardians can specify “Yes or No” for each of the screenings on the “New to School” student online forms or the “Returning Student” online form on Skyward.

We appreciate the chance to screen your student for any potential concerns or issues to ensure that your student’s educational goals are not impacted by their physical health. For any questions that you may have, please contact your school nurse at your student’s school.