

# HEARING & VISION SCREENING

Pomona Unified School District has established and does implement procedures that meet all legal requirements for the provision of hearing and vision screening of students.

Education Code (E.C. 49452) Regulations: State Mandates:

Vision: K, 2nd 5th, 8th, includes Near Point and Distance vision.

Hearing: K, 2nd, 5th, 8th, 10th

First entry into the California School System

Special Ed students receive Vision and Hearing for initial and 3rd year review.

Color testing: 1st grade boys only

## **HEARING**

Screen at 25 decibels at 1K, 2K and 4Khz. Threshold tests shall include frequencies of 250, 500, 1K, 2K and 4Khz. Refer a hearing level of 30 decibels or greater in an ear for two or more of the frequencies tested, or a hearing level of 40 decibels or greater for any ONE of the frequencies tested, on two threshold tests completed at an interval of at least two weeks, or there is evidence of pathology observed by otoscopic examination.

## **VISION**

Screening may be completed by the individual nurse or by a screening team. Refer students after second test with a visual acuity for children through five years or younger at 20/50 or higher or for students six or older at 20/40 or higher. Refer a pupil who has unequal vision of at least two lines (i.e., 20/50, 20/30). Use professional judgment in making referrals (i.e., children who pass screening but are symptomatic should be referred).

Any student whose best correction is 20/70 in the best eye, verified by an eye doctor, should be referred to the visual program at Azusa Unified School District for the Visually Impaired (VI). In addition, any recent injury that results in vision loss may be referred.

Vision and hearing screening is most efficiently conducted together in a large room (i.e., the library). Please have vision and hearing screening worksheets completed and arranged by classroom and/or periods for the screening.

After screening is complete, write referral letters, complete referral worksheet and tally the number of students screened.

An annual report of vision and hearing testing must be completed in May. Compile data of screening, referrals and treatment for monthly reports. This information will be used to complete a mandated annual report due each May.

### **Ed. Code for Vision and Hearing AB No. 1840 amended to Section 49455 SEC. 1.5.**

Section 49455 of the Education Code is amended to read:

(1) During the kindergarten year or upon first enrollment or entry in a California school district of a pupil at an elementary school, and in grades 2, 5, and 8, the pupil's vision shall be appraised by the school nurse or other authorized person under Section 49452.

(2) A pupil whose first enrollment or entry occurs in grade 4 or 7 shall not be required to be appraised in the year immediately following the pupil's first enrollment or entry.

The appraisal shall include tests for visual acuity, **including near vision**, and color vision; however, color vision shall be appraised once and only on male pupils, and the results of the appraisal shall be entered in the health record of the pupil. Color vision appraisal need not begin until the male pupil has reached the first grade.