

2021

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Under the regulations of the Pennsylvania Department of Health, all school-age children must participate in grade-specific health screenings each school year. This letter is to inform you what screenings are required for your child throughout the 2021-2022 school year. Please be aware that all screenings completed through the GNA School District are considered screenings and should not be a substitute for regular checkups with your pediatrician.

School nurses perform the following screenings:

- Height and Weight (BMI) - Checked annually in K through grade 12.
- Vision - Checked annually in K through grade 12.
- Hearing - Checked in K, 1,2,3,7, and 11.
- Scoliosis – Required in grades 6 and 7.
- Physical Examinations – Required in grades K, 1, 6th, and 11.
- Dental Examination - Required in grades K,1, 3, and 7.

It is important to note that only those students with signed parental permission slips will participate in the scoliosis, physical, and dental examinations. Permission slips for those services will be distributed to students within the first week of school for the 2021-2022 school year.

If you choose not to have your child participate in the scoliosis, physical, and/or dental examinations, you **must** provide the school with the results of an exam by a doctor of your choice. A private physician report for each screening will be provided for you that is relevant to your child's grade level, and you must return it to the school upon completion. The school WILL NOT be responsible for the cost of the private exam.

What does a referral mean?

In the event that you receive a referral form after any school screening or examination in the 2021-2022 school year, it means that the screening or examination detected a possible problem and further evaluation by a professional health care provider is recommended. The referral form is to be completed by your private health care provider and returned to your child's school nurse.

Thank you for your cooperation!

All completed forms may be faxed to your child's school nurse:

GNA High School
Fax: 570-733-1002

GNA Educational Center
Fax: 570-740-2792

GNA Elementary School
Fax: 570-733-1006

Kennedy Early Childhood Center
Fax: 570-735-4851