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Dear Families,

Hearing, vision, speech and communications, and health or medical disorders and any developmental disorders in school children may interfere with their ability to learn. Regular screenings are an important method of identifying children who are at risk. By November 1 of the year a student, who is enrolled for the first time in either kindergarten or first grade, must be given special learning needs screening in accordance with the requirements set forth by the **Ohio Revised Code section 3313.673**.

Childhood disorders are prevalent and are a significant public health problem. The early detection and treatment of disorders give students an opportunity to develop normally by preventing permanent loss. Ohio law requires that all students receive these screenings.

Early detection and treatment of hearing and vision disorders along with speech and communications, and health or medical problems and for any developmental disorders provide children the best opportunity to develop academically, emotionally and socially. Your local health department can assist you with obtaining screenings. To find your local health department, click on <https://odhgateway.odh.ohio.gov/lhdinformationsystem/Directory/GetMyLHD> or contact the Ohio Department of Health at (614)466-5332 or BCFHS@odh.ohio.gov. OHVA requests that every parent takes their student to complete the screenings. No documentation needs to be provided to the school unless your student has been identified as having a condition that would impact their learning. If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact your OHVA teacher.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kristin Stewart
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