

Developmental Screening

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School districts are required to provide developmental screening for children before they start school, targeting children who are between three and four years old. A screening program must include:

- a developmental assessment;
- a hearing and vision screening or referral;
- an immunization review and referral;
- a review of the child’s height and weight; and
- identification of risk factors that may influence learning and referral.

All students must be screened prior to enrollment in a public school unless the child’s parent provides a signed statement of conscientiously held beliefs against screening. A student may be screened by a school district, or by a public or private health care provider.

Developmental Screening Revenue

A district receives \$75 for each three-year-old screened, \$50 for each four-year-old screened, \$40 for each five- or six-year-old screened before enrolling in kindergarten, and \$30 for all other students screened within the first 30 days of kindergarten enrollment. The district may transfer money from the general fund to make up the difference between state aid and the cost of the program.

	<u>Age 3</u>	<u>Age 4</u>	<u>Ages 5 and 6</u>	<u>“Catchup” Ages 5 and 6</u>
Number of Children Screened	27,600	23,900	8,900	1,700
Reimbursement Rate	\$75	\$50	\$40	\$30
Total Revenue by Category	\$2,070,000	\$1,195,000	\$356,000	\$51,000
Total Revenue				\$3,672,000

Developmental Screening Expenditures

A district is encouraged to cooperate with public and private health care providers and to use volunteers to assist district personnel with screening activities. Screening activities must be consistent with the standards established by the commissioner of health.