

**Policy JGCBA: Hearing and Vision Screening**

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**Hearing and Vision Screening/Observation**

Hearing and vision screening may be conducted in the schools of the Jackson County School District for any student who is experiencing learning difficulty in the regular education program, ~~upon the request of the teacher support team.~~ It shall be the policy of the Jackson County School District, at the discretion of school personnel, to conduct hearing and/or vision screenings on any student who has not been successful in the regular education program. This screening will be conducted without written parental consent as a means of determining whether hearing and/or vision problems are hindering student progress. Parents shall be notified if the student fails hearing and/or vision screening.

The purpose of such testing is to eliminate hearing and vision problems as a cause of learning difficulties before a lengthy assessment procedure is undertaken. Persons utilized for hearing and vision screening will have received adequate training in administration of the following tests and/or instruments:

1. ~~Titmus~~
2. Snellen "E" Chart or Handchart for Nearsightedness and Farsightedness
3. ~~Audiometer for hearing screening~~

The teacher support team will also determine a need for an observation prior to planning an intervention by the functional behavioral specialist, teacher or other qualified personnel employed by the district. The purpose of this observation is to provide recommendations for appropriate behavioral interventions.

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