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EARLY CHILDHOOD SCREENING

Sandburg Education Center - 1902 2nd Avenue Anoka, MN 55303



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763-506-2400

Dear Parent or Guardian,

The State of Minnesota requires a health and developmental screening for every child before kindergarten entry into a public school. Early childhood screening helps a school district identify children who may benefit from district and community resources available to help in their development. The Anoka-Hennepin School District provides this service free of charge, with a goal to screen every child before they turn four years old. The results of the screening will be reviewed with the parent or guardian, and any follow-up recommendations will be discussed. This allows any concerns to be addressed at least two years before a child enters kindergarten.

The screening will be conducted by qualified professionals in the following areas:

- Speech and language development
- Cognitive and social development
- Fine and gross motor skills
- Vision and hearing
- Height and weight
- Health history (optional)
- Review of Immunizations

Note: Screening is not a substitute for health care from your family physician or other health care providers. If you wish to have your doctor provide the screening, you can call the screening office to obtain the appropriate forms.

Scheduling your child's appointment:

Schedule your child's screening appointment online at ahschools.us/earlychildhoodscreening or call 763-506-2400.

Location:

Screenings are held at **Sandburg Education Center which is located at 1902 2nd Avenue in Anoka**. Parking is available on Monroe St. in front of the building, in the parking lot across the street, or in the small lot on the east side of the building. Enter the building through door no. 1.

About the appointment:

Screening appointments take approximately one hour and are scheduled Monday through Friday during the day with limited evening hours on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday throughout the school year. The screening office is closed during the summer months.

If someone else is bringing your child to screening, please call the screening office to alert them of the individual who is bringing your child so appropriate paperwork can be emailed to you. The Early Childhood Screening Student Information Form must be signed, dated, and completed by the child's parent or guardian to conduct the screening.

Pre-appointment requirements:

Complete the **Early Childhood Screening Information Form** online at ahschools.us/earlychildhoodscreening. You may complete and submit the form electronically or print to complete and bring it with you to your child's appointment. Bring your child's immunization records with you to the appointment. Your physician may fax the records to 763-576-5804.

- Parent or guardian may decline to answer questions or provide information about family circumstances that might affect development and identification of risk factors that may influence learning.
- The child need not submit to the district screening program if the child's health records indicate to the school that the child has received comparable developmental screening performed within the preceding 365 days by a public or private health care organization or individual health care provider.
- Parent or guardian may decline screening due to conscientiously held beliefs. A signed statement must be submitted to the administrator or other person having general control and supervision of the school.
- Declining to answer questions or provide information is voluntary and does not prevent the child from being enrolled in kindergarten if all screening components are met.