A. Introduction

All children are required to have Health Screening before entering school from Kindergarten/Reception to Year 11, in both Government and Private Schools. It is also essential for all children to have up to date immunizations for protection against communicable diseases. Immunizations due may be administered at the time of screening.

Health Screening can be done through the Public Health Department School Health Services or a Private Medical Practitioner, utilizing the School Health Record provided by the Public Health Department.

B. Components of Health Screening

The Health Screening includes:

1. Personal and family medical history
2. Screening for vision and hearing
3. Dental examination
4. Assessment of growth and developmental milestones
5. Review of the Immunization records
6. Administration of required Immunization(s)
7. Request lab test if necessary
   a. Complete blood count
   b. Hb electrophoresis (sickle cell).
   c. Stool tests for ova and parasites are ordered for children whose history indicates the need.
   c. Other tests as indicated by physical exam
7. Referral for any special examinations if necessary
C. You may choose to have your child’s screening done by the Public Health Department- School Health Services or a private practitioner

**Health Screening through Private Practitioner**

1. Make an appointment with your pediatrician (**names & numbers provided**).
2. The doctor will do screening using the school health record provided by the Public Health Department
3. Take the completed School Health Record to the Public Health Department during the summer (July & August), Monday to Friday 8:30am-4:30pm
4. A health screening certificate will then be given to you to be taken to the child’s school or the Education Department.

**Health Screening through the Public Health Department (School Health Service).**

1. Make an appointment with the secretary of the school your child will be attending
2. Plan to arrive 10 minutes before the time of your appointment
3. On the day of screening, take the child’s immunization card, completed medical update form, and any other medical record
4. Screening will be done by the school health staff
5. Duration of screening- 40-45 minutes
6. After the screening, a health screening certificate will be given to you for the child’s school or the Education Department or

For further information, please contact the School Health Coordinator on 244-2734 or 244-2648