NOTIFICATION OF SCREENINGS

The Commonwealth of Virginia requires the following screenings to be scheduled within 60 days of a student’s initial enrollment in a public school:

1. Hearing and vision screenings will be conducted on all newly enrolled students.
2. Speech-language and motor screening will be completed on all newly enrolled students through grade three.

Speech-language, hearing, vision, and motor development screenings are scheduled during the first 60 days of school. In addition, vision and hearing screenings will be completed on 3rd, 7th, and 10th grade students. Vision screenings will also be completed for 5th grade students. Parents and teachers may request vision and/or hearing screening with written parental permission. Parents also have the option to have their child opted out of the screenings with written parent notification. The speech pathologist, school nurse, physical education teachers, and other appropriate personnel will complete these screenings for early identification of deficits. Parents are notified of results if further evaluation is indicated.

Height and weight is collected on all students in grades K-10 in accordance with Henrico County Public School regulations.

Scoliosis Information
Scoliosis is the abnormal curvature of the spine involving side-to-side curvature that makes the hips or shoulders appear uneven. If left untreated, scoliosis can progress and interfere with movement, activities, and bodily functions. Scoliosis is most common between the ages 10-14, or during a growth spurt.

Types of Scoliosis Screenings
The child’s physician may screen for scoliosis by having the child perform the Adam’s Forward Bend Test to look for any unevenness or abnormalities in the shoulders, rib cage or back. Other types of screening can be performed by using a device called the scoliometer or by taking an X-ray.

Scoliosis may be difficult to identify, so it is important to watch for early signs and to take your child for an annual physical exam. If identified, most curves remain small and are watched by the physician, while others may need a brace, exercise, or surgery. Treatment is most successful with early identification.

Parents should watch for the following when their child is about 8 years old notify the family doctor, pediatrician, or orthopedist if any of these signs are present:

- Tilted head that is not inline with hips
- Uneven shoulders or protruding shoulder blades
- Uneven waist
- Uneven hips (may cause uneven shirt or hem line)
- Leaning more to one side than the other

Questions?
Notification of Bloodborne Exposure Guidelines

Per the Code of Virginia §32.1-45.1H. whenever any school board employee is directly exposed to body fluids of any person in a manner which may, according to the then current guidelines of the CDC, transmit HIV or hepatitis B or C viruses, the person whose body fluids were involved in the exposure shall be deemed to have consented to testing for infection with HIV or hepatitis B or C viruses. Such person shall also be deemed to have consented to the release of such test results to the School Board employee.