



Early Childhood Screening

Early Childhood Screening is a free and simple check of how your child is growing, developing and learning.

Screening at 3 is preferred, but a child may be screened between the ages of 3 and the start of kindergarted as required by law.*

What to expect at a screening appointment

A trained professional will check:

- Vision and hearing
- Height and weight
- Immunizations (shots)
- Large and small muscles
- Thinking, language and communication skills
- Social and emotional development

What to bring to your appointment

- Any questions you have about your child's growth and development.
- Your child's immunization record (shots).
- Your child's primary health care provider (doctor) name and number.

More information

This screening may help you link to other free learning opportunities, such as pre-kindergarten programming, Early Childhood Family Education (ECFE), Minnesota early learning scholarships for high quality care and education, Head Start, Home Visiting, and Early Childhood Special Education.

Ready to schedule an appointment?

Call your local school district.



Or you can contact the Minnesota Department of Children, Youth, and Families for help connecting with your district:

Phone: 651-582-8412

Email: dcyf.els@state.mn.us

*Your child may also be screened at their Head Start, Child and Teen Check-ups, or a clinic that offers developmental screening.

Parents may conscientiously object to screening or opt out. Minnesota Statutes 142D.091.