

## Do parents receive a copy of the screening?

A copy of the screening results is placed in the child's folder at school. Parents are welcome to review the results, but the actual protocol is not given to parents. The screening assessment is only valid if children have not seen or practiced the tasks. Finally, if a family moves to a new community, the screening results may be sent to the new school.

Who do I contact if I have more questions about screening?

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## When will the Screenings be held?

December 15, 2023

(1pm-3pm)

~only for this date~

January 19, 2024

March 29, 2024

May 31, 2024

(9am-11am)

## Who can sign up?

**Raymond Residents\***  
**3-5 years of age who are**  
**not currently enrolled**  
**in our public school system**  
**\*Must verify enrollment**

**Call to Book Your**  
**Appointment**  
**Almelyn Herran**  
**(603) 895-4299**  
**ext 1106**



## Raymond School District

# Preschool Screenings



## What is Preschool screening?

Preschool screening is a brief assessment of a child's development, usually lasting 60 minutes or less. The screening protocol used by The Raymond School District is the Dial-4.

A vision and hearing assessment are also part of the screening procedures.



## Why is screening conducted?

The purpose of screening is to identify children who may have significant learning problems. It has been reported that five to seven percent of all children entering school are considered to be in the "High Risk" category. "High Risk" is a term used to describe children who may have learning problems that will impede their growth and development in school and perhaps cause failure in the future. For some children screening serves as the first step leading to an evaluation and possibly special education support services.



## Is the screening an intelligence test?

Another prevalent misconception about screening is that it is a type of intelligence test (also known as an IQ test). The assessment tool that we use is not designed to measure children's overall level of intelligence, nor does it identify their potential for learning. It is a developmental profile which provides information about children's general language development, their small and gross motor development, and their ability to adapt what they already know to new situations.

## Who will conduct the screening?

The screening team consists of several members of the early education staff and usually includes:

- \* Early Childhood Special Educator
- \* Speech and language pathologists
  - \* Occupational therapists
  - \* School nurse

The team members administer different sections of the screening and have had training in administering and scoring the assessments.

## How will I know how my child did?

1. Parents of children who score in the expected range will receive an "Okay" letter indicating that their child appears to be developing as expected.
2. Parents of children who score below the expected range will also receive a letter indicating screening results as well as a phone call to discuss the results.

## Does an "okay" letter mean that my child will be successful in school?

Many factors contribute to success in school. Among the most important is social and emotional maturity. Unfortunately, these areas of development cannot be assessed during screening. If you have questions about your child's maturity, we recommend that you discuss your concerns with the Early Education Coordinator or a member of the screening team.

