

AMHERST COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

PUBLIC NOTICE -- PRIOR NOTICE OF SCREENING PROGRAM

I. Within 60 administrative working days of initial enrollment in a public school, the Amherst County Public Schools System is required by Virginia Department of Education regulations to screen children in the following areas to determine if further assessment is warranted.

A. Speech, voice and language.

B. Vision and hearing

C. Scoliosis

D. All children (through grade three), within 60 administration working days of initial enrollment in a public school, shall be screened for fine and gross motor functions to determine if further assessment is warranted.

II. In Amherst County, second grade students are screened for possible speech language difficulties after speech development should basically be complete.

III. All screening will be conducted in your child's school in a nondiscriminatory manner. Observational and performance techniques will be used. Procedural safeguards including this notice, confidentially proper maintenance of your child's scholastic record will be ensured. You will be contacted only if further assessment is recommended. This screening enables the Amherst County Public Schools System to provide special attention and help to identify students who are high risk or in need of extra attention. This service is offered at no cost.