

Nurses Notes  
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Early detection and treatment of eye problems are essential to a child's visual health. Signs that a child may have vision problems include:

- Constant eye rubbing
- Extreme light sensitivity
- Poor focusing
- Poor visual tracking (following an object)
- Chronic redness or tearing of the eyes
- Inability to read the blackboard
- Squinting
- Difficulty reading
- Inability to see objects at a distance

If you detect any evidence of eye conditions, your child should be examined so that the problem doesn't become permanent. If caught early, eye conditions can be treated and can often be reversed.



Hearing is a critical part of a child's development. Even a mild or partial hearing loss can affect a child's ability to speak and understand language. A Doctor may recommend a hearing evaluation if a child has limited or poor speech, seems frequently inattentive, or has difficulty learning. A hearing evaluation may also be requested for other signs of hearing loss, such as increasing the volume on the TV, failing to respond to a conversation, or answering inappropriately to speech.

A hearing evaluation may be necessary if there are certain risk factors for hearing loss. Children can have a higher risk of a hearing loss if they:

- Were born prematurely
- Were given medications that can lead to hearing loss
- Have a family history of childhood hearing loss
- Had complications at birth
- Had frequent ear infections
- Had infections such as meningitis

The Baltimore County Health Department visits Chase Elementary annually to do hearing and vision screening. Screening occurs in Pre-School, Kindergarten, 3 and 5 grades along with any students who may be having problems in grades 1, 2 and 4.

Hearing and Vision Screening will take place at Chase, February 19th-22nd. If your child wears glasses make sure he/she brings them to school on those dates. If you have any concerns regarding your child's hearing and vision, please inform Mrs. Molnar.