

Developmental Screenings

A free developmental screening is offered to children three to five years of age. Children may be screened one time a year between three and five, and Francis Howell recommends every child be screened at least one time before beginning kindergarten. The screening includes developmental areas of motor, concepts and language as well as a hearing and vision screening. The entire process—screening and parent conference—takes one hour to one and one half hours. These screenings are scheduled by appointment at the Early Childhood Centers. Please call to schedule your appointment.

Helpful Information about Screenings

- Parents may decide whether or not they wish to observe the screening. Some children will have a better screening if the parents are present; others will have a better screening if they are alone with the screener. Since it would not be a good screening environment for additional children to be in the screening room, parents who bring their children will be asked to wait with the children in an area provided.
- The screeners have received special training on screening three to five year olds. Information will be shared with the parent at the time of the screening to help the parent have an understanding of ways to encourage the child's development.
- If screening results indicate that some help is needed in an area of development, the screener will work with you on some ideas of activities or referral options from which you can choose. The school district provides special education for children three to five years of age with significant developmental delays at no charge to the parents.

Scheduling a Screening

- Scheduling in the fall or winter will avoid the spring rush.
- To make an appointment to have your child screened, please call one of the Early Childhood Family Education Centers at:

Hackmann Road – (636) 851-6200
Central School Road – (636) 851-6400
Meadows Parkway – (636) 851-6000

- Choose a time that is good for your child and your family. Screening may be scheduled Monday thru Friday beginning at 9:00 a.m. In addition, limited evening screenings will be made available. To make the screening as positive as possible:
 - A. Arrive 10 minutes before the appointment to acquaint your child with the screening setting.
 - B. Make sure that your child is well rested.
 - C. Have your child wear tennis shoes or rubber soled shoes.