

ATTENTION IMPORTANT INFORMATION

TO BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE STATE HEALTH CODE, ACT 368, EACH CHILD MUST HAVE A HEARING AND VISION SCREENING PRIOR TO INITIAL ENTRANCE INTO SCHOOL. MOST CHILDREN WILL RECEIVE TWO HEARING AND VISION SCREENINGS. **THE LAST SCREENING MUST BE DATED WITHIN ONE YEAR OF ENTRANCE INTO SCHOOL.**

BECAUSE HEARING AND VISION PROBLEMS ARE NOT CONTAGIOUS DISEASES, THE LACK OF HEARING AND VISION SCREENINGS IN THE PAST WOULD NOT EXCLUDE A CHILD FROM SCHOOL. THAT HAS CHANGED! MOST DISTRICTS NOW USE HEARING AND VISION SCREENING AS A REQUIREMENT FOR ENTRANCE INTO SCHOOL. THE REASON FOR THIS IS SIMPLE. A CHILD WHO HAS AN EAR ACHE WILL USUALLY RECEIVE SOME TYPE OF MEDICAL ATTENTION, BUT A CHILD THAT HAS AN UNIDENTIFIED HEARING LOSS COULD POSSIBLY BE CLASSIFIED AS A **LEARNING DISABLED CHILD**. THE SAME APPLIES TO A CHILD WITH AMBLYOPIA OR LAZY EYE. IF DETECTED AND TREATED, THE VISION CAN ALMOST ALWAYS BE BROUGHT BACK WITHIN NORMAL RANGE. IF AMBLYOPIA IS NOT DETECTED AT AN EARLY AGE, WITHIN A FEW YEARS THE CHILD'S DIMINISHED VISION MAY WELL BE PERMANENT.