

given in the year that a student enters a school system, enters the [fourth, fifth, or sixth] FIRST grade, and enters the [ninth] ~~THIRD~~ EIGHTH OR NINTH grade.

(2) Further screening shall be done in accordance with ~~the~~:

(I) THE bylaws adopted by the State Board; OR

(II) POLICIES ADOPTED BY A COUNTY BOARD OR A COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

(c) The results of the hearing and vision screenings required by this section shall be:

- (1) Made a part of the permanent record file of each student;
- (2) Given to the parents of any student who fails the screenings; and
- (3) Reported to the county board or the county health department.

(D) ON A FORM PROVIDED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OR THE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, A PARENT OR GUARDIAN SHALL REPORT TO THE COUNTY BOARD OR THE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT ON THE RECOMMENDED SERVICES RECEIVED BY A STUDENT WHO FAILED THE SCREENINGS.

[(d)] (E) The county board or the county health department shall report to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene the results of the hearing and vision screenings and, to the extent practicable, the number of students receiving the recommended services.

[(e)] (F) In cooperation with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Department of Education shall adopt standards, rules, and regulations to carry out the provisions of this section.

[(f)] (G) A student whose parent or guardian objects in writing to hearing and vision screening on the ground that it conflicts with the tenets and practice of a recognized church or religious denomination of which he is an adherent or member may not be required to take these screenings.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2008.

Approved by the Governor, May 13, 2008.