

**NEW HARTFORD CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
NEW HARTFORD, NY 13413

Dear Parents:

Chapter 53 of the Education Law – 1980 required local school districts to screen all new entrants including Kindergarten.

Screening is a preliminary method of distinguishing from the general population those pupils who may possibly have a handicapping condition or those who may be gifted. Screening should not be viewed as an in-depth method of assessing development. It is a quick method of determining overall performance and should indicate whether or not a comprehensive evaluation is necessary. Based upon the results of screening, students who are in need of further evaluation will be referred to appropriate school and medical personnel.

New Hartford's screening program will include:

1. A health examination by a licensed physician, or evidence of such, in the form of a health certificate.
2. Certificates of immunization or referral for immunizations.
3. Request for a Dental Health Certificate for school entry (Grades K, 1,3,5,7,9, and 11).
4. Articulation skills and receptive and expressive language development.
5. Cognitive development (learning strengths and weaknesses).
6. Motor development.

Screening will be conducted under the following schedule:

1. Kindergarten – May/June
2. New entrants – August/September
3. New entrants after September 1<sup>st</sup> – Individually as needed

When the screening has been completed you will receive a copy of the Screening Profile, which will contain the results of the testing. All data pertaining to your child will be treated in a confidential manner.

Your assistance and cooperation in supplying information and completing necessary forms will be appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact your building principal.

*New Hartford Elementary Staff*