

September 30, 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians:

In accordance with Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) regulations (105CMR 200.400), the annual health screenings will take place the week of October 3rd for preschool students and the week of October 11th for Kindergarten and First Grade. The following screenings will take place at Cedar Elementary School:

- **Height and Weight: Grade 1**
- **Hearing Screenings: Kindergarten and Grade 1**
- **Vision Screenings: Preschool, Kindergarten and Grade 1**

If your child wears glasses, please have them bring them to school.

Make-up screenings for those who miss or do not pass the initial screening, will take place throughout the Fall.

If your child does not pass the vision or hearing screenings, you will be notified by your school nurse through School Messenger. If you prefer that your child not participate in the health screenings, you may opt out by notifying your child's school nurse in writing (mdowling@hanoverschools.org).

Additional Information About Vision Screenings:

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health recommends that, in addition to the routine vision screening, a comprehensive eye exam by an eye doctor experienced in treating children should be sought in the following cases:

- Children unable to complete, or who refuse to complete a vision screening
- Children whose disability or behavior prevents them from performing a standard screening
- Parent or teacher concerns about the student meeting academic benchmarks
- Children who receive additional educational support such as an Individualized Education Plan (IEP)

- Parent, teacher, nurse, or screener concerns about the potential existence of a vision problem, even if the child has passed a recent vision screening
- If you have any concerns about your child's vision for any reason, please do not hesitate to schedule an appointment for a complete eye examination with a licensed ophthalmologist or optometrist.

Please refer to the [HPS Health Services Website](#) for more information about school-based health screenings.