



## Esko Early Childhood Screening

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Dear Parent/Guardian,

**The state of Minnesota requires that all children be screened before entering kindergarten.** Screening is a sampling of skills in developmental areas, which helps determine if there are learning concerns that should be addressed before your child begins school. The recommended age for screening is 3 to 4 years old.

**Esko School District invites your child to Early Childhood Screening scheduled October and February dates each year.** Day and evening appointments are available. The Early Childhood screening will be held at the Esko Education Center 16 Highway 61. **Please schedule your child's appointment at <https://esko.ce.eleyo.com/>.** The screening office will send appointment confirmation and screening forms to be completed via mail as the date approaches.

Early childhood educators and school specialists conduct the screening program. Areas covered in this screening include vision, hearing, height, weight, social emotional and developmental skills (cognitive, speech/language, and motor). **Immunizations will not be given at the screening.** However, the school nurse will determine if your child's immunization records are up to date. The process takes approximately one hour. The screeners will conduct a summary interview with you to address any concerns regarding your child's development and you will receive a copy of the screening results. All information will remain confidential. Early childhood developmental screening helps the school district identify children who may benefit from the district and community resources available to help their development. Early childhood developmental screening includes a vision screening which helps detect potential eye problems but is not a substitute for a comprehensive eye exam.

**Please register and schedule your child's screening appointment at the most convenient time for you at <https://esko.ce.eleyo.com/>**

If you have any questions regarding Early Childhood Screening, or: your child has already received an Early Childhood Screening from another Minnesota School District, attends Head Start or your child receives special education services through Esko School District, please call (218)879-2969 ext. 636 or email [jliupakka@esko.k12.mn.us](mailto:jliupakka@esko.k12.mn.us).