

TO: Principals/Health Personnel in Grant Wood AEA Service Area

FROM: Shane Boeve, Regional Administrator,  
Grant Wood AEA Hearing Department

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RE: Annual Hearing Screening Parent Notification

We will be providing your school's annual hearing testing during the upcoming 2017-18 school year.

We are asking that each school notify parents that hearing testing will occur during the school year. **Follow-up testing may occur periodically if previous hearing test results were not within normal limits.** Parents who do not want their child's hearing tested need to notify the school **in writing** each year they do not want this service. The school should then notify their school audiologist of these requests. This could be done when we are at your school. If your school is usually tested later in the year, a reminder in a newsletter before we arrive is also recommended. Please include the following in your student handbook:

**Hearing Screening:** Grant Wood Area Education Agency (GWAEA) screens all students in Alternative Kindergarten (AK), kindergarten, and grades 1, 2, and 5. Students in the Early Learning Program with IEP's will be screened. Students in grades 3, 4, middle, and high school, who are new to the school, that don't have a documented hearing test, and some students with a history of known hearing loss will also be tested. Follow up testing may occur periodically if previous hearing test results were not within normal limits. Parent/guardians not wishing their child's hearing tested should notify the health office in writing at the beginning of the year. Parents/guardians with concerns about their child's hearing should contact the school nurse.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.