

Pataula Charter Academy

Spring Creek Charter Academy

TITLE: Vision, Hearing, Dental, and Nutrition Screening Policy

APPROVED BY: The Governing Board

REFERENCES: O.C.G.A 20-02-0770

Pataula Charter Academy and Spring Creek Charter Academy require that the parent or guardian of all students attending school in Georgia for the first time, under Georgia Law 20-2-0770, provide the school with the properly executed *Certificate of Vision, Hearing, and Dental, and Nutritional Screening* (GA form 3300) dated within the 12 months prior to the date of enrollment prior to attending the school or within three months of the students admission.

Pataula Charter Academy and Spring Creek Charter Academy must not permit a student to attend the school if their parent or guardian fails to provide a valid *Certificate of Vision, Hearing, and Dental, and Nutritional Screening* (GA form 3300) within the appropriate time allotted unless the following situation exists:

- (a) Religious exemption-A child may be exempt from the screening of any portion thereof if the parent or guardian furnishes the school a notarized statement that the required screening conflicts with the religious beliefs of the parent. The school must keep the notarized statement on file and forward the statement to any school that the student may later attend.

Pataula Charter Academy and Spring Creek Charter Academy must keep and maintain each student's *Certificate of Vision, Hearing, and Dental, and Nutritional Screening* (GA form 3300) and any related follow-up information.

If the student is transferring from another Georgia public school, the school from which the child is transferring must forward the *Certificate of Vision, Hearing, and Dental, and Nutritional Screening* (GA form 3300) and any related follow-up information.

Vision, hearing, dental, and nutrition screenings may be conducted by a physician with an active Georgia license or a person working under the supervision of a physician with an active Georgia license, by a local health department, or by the school registered nurse.

- The vision portion of the screening may also be conducted by an optometrist with an active Georgia license or by an employee of Prevent Blindness Georgia who is trained in vision screening.
- The hearing portion of the screening may also be conducted by an audiologist or speech-language pathologist with an active Georgia license.
- The dental portion of the screening may also be conducted by a dentist or dental hygienist with an active Georgia license.
- The nutrition portion of the screening may also be conducted by a dietician with an active Georgia license.

The Georgia Department of Public Health may conduct audits to ensure that the state charter school requires and maintains evidence that each child received the required vision, hearing, dental and nutrition screening.

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