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RE: Universal Pre-Kindergarten Health Appraisal Requirements

**JANE BROWN**  
Executive Director

Dear Health Care Providers,

The New York State Department of Education Universal Prekindergarten regulations now require vision and hearing screening for all participating children, per State Education Laws § 903 and 904 . While screening may not occur at this age, your comment to the effect that the child's Vision and Hearing were "grossly" or "subjectively" normal or that a referral was made will suffice.

Beginning with school year 2009-2010, height, weight, Body Mass Index (BMI) and percentile will be required. For all programs regulated under New York State Office of Children and Family Services and the New York State Education Department, Lead and PPD are required to be documented- if only "deferred", "WNL per history", "low- risk", "not indicated". You may have these "boxes" on your office Health Appraisal form or you may want to revise it to prevent the forms from being returned.

I am glad to work together with you to assist our families. Please feel free to call me at (845) 425-0009 x 493 or [teresao@rocklandchildcare.org](mailto:teresao@rocklandchildcare.org). Thank you for taking the time to attend to the various requirements of the entities that govern early childhood education and child care programs in our state.

Sincerely,

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