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## Information on Kindergarten Screening

What is Kindergarten screening?

Kindergarten screening is a brief assessment, usually lasting about 30 minutes. Plattsburgh City School uses the screening protocol the DIAL 4. The DIAL-4 is a developmental screening tool designed to measure the most fundamental or basic concepts that are acquired by young children.

What areas does the screening examine?

The DIAL-4 examines three major areas as follows:

Motor- catching, jumping, hopping, skipping, building, thumb and finger motor skills, cutting, copying and name writing.

Concepts – identification of body parts, colors, rapid color naming, counting, positions (back/front), concepts (big/little), and shapes.

Language- personal data, articulation, objects and actions, letters and sounds, rhyming and I spy, problem solving and intelligibility.

Social Development – looks at the development of social skills with other children and parents, including rule compliance, sharing, self-control, and empathy.

Why is screening conducted?

The purpose of kindergarten screening is to identify children who may need additional support, such as a motor or language group. It also allows children to meet kindergarten teachers and other staff members, as well as familiarize them with their new school.

What can I expect the day of screening?

Screening is an exciting day for the children, parents and teachers! Upon arrival, you will be greeted by one of the kindergarten teachers and your child's picture will be taken. The school counselor will go over the social history form while your child proceeds through three screening stations. Following the screening you will be given a tour of the school building. You will receive the results of the screening in the mail within a few weeks.

How can I prepare my child for the screening?

Please make sure your child has a good night sleep before the screening. Try to arrange your child's screening time for a time that is most beneficial for their schedule (i.e. avoid usual nap time, lunch time...). Please make sure your child is dressed comfortably with sneakers, as they will be jumping, skipping and demonstrating balancing abilities.