

# WHAT HAPPENS AT A SCREENING ACTIVITY?

**Thank you for taking the next step with Julie Billiard Schools! We can't wait to meet your child. Please know that the Screening Activity is only one element in our efforts to learn about your child and determine if we can support his or her needs.**

Our highly qualified Screen Team, composed of Intervention Specialists, Occupational Therapists, Speech Therapists, Behavior Analysts, and Administrators, work together to engage your child in a warm, friendly school setting.

Screening is a part of the holistic assessment we use to determine if our schools have the services in place to support your child.

We explore your child's academic abilities, needs, and potential through developmentally-appropriate tasks and assessments. The most important part of our screening is the social and emotional component, as we want to ensure that Julie Billiard Schools have the appropriate supports in place to help your child thrive. We do not expect perfection and understand that students come to JB with a wide range of academic and social skills.

A typical Screening Activity includes a brief meeting in which students are encouraged to introduce themselves, followed by a social activity. We facilitate a writing and reading activity, followed by a mini recess or structured game, then a math activity.

We observe students' fine motor skills, problem-solving abilities, coping strategies, self-advocacy, work stamina, and work ethic. We also love to see how they interact with their peers, answer questions, and follow directions.



# WHAT HAPPENS AFTER A SCREENING ACTIVITY?

We hold Screening Activities for students in grades 1-8 five times each year. Group screenings allow us to observe how students interact in a true class-like setting. After the Screening Activity, we will share with you whether we can meet your child's educational, social, emotional, and/or medical needs.

After the Screening Activity, our team collaborates to discuss the best way Julie Billiard Schools could serve your child. We complete an assessment form based on the levels of support needed and determine if we could serve your child in the future.

**Parents can expect a determination, via phone call and email, within a week of the screening activity.**

The screening activity is ONE STEP in a holistic evaluation process. We also look closely at a child's application, his or her IEP and ETR, psychological evaluations, and the current makeup of our classrooms.

Please note that an invitation to the Screening Activity does not guarantee an immediate placement at one of our schools. If we determine at a screening that we can support your child in one of our schools, he or she will be placed on our waitlist if there are no immediate openings.

If we do have an immediate opening in your desired grade level, we will work quickly to enroll your child. Parents will be alerted about openings and waitlist status in the post-screening call. Our Admissions Team will contact you to set up an acceptance meeting. If we determine that we don't have the services in place to support your child's needs, we will provide additional resources.



# 2022-2023 SCREENING DATES & FAQs

## **Can my child come to a Screening Activity before I submit an application?**

We ask for a fully submitted application, including an IEP and ETR, prior to attending a Screening Activity. You can begin or complete an application for your child at [juliebilliardschools.org/apply](http://juliebilliardschools.org/apply).

## **When are screenings held?**

Screenings are held five times each year for students in Grades 1-8. During the 2022-2023 school year, they are scheduled for September 24, December 3, February 4, April 1, and June 3. Kindergarten applicants will be brought in to screen separately based on availability at each campus. The location of a Screening Activity has no bearing on which campus a child will attend. Screening Activities are approximately 1.5 hours long.

## **Grades 1-8 Screenings**

Saturday, September 24, 2022 - Screening Held at JB Westlake

Saturday, December 3, 2022 - Screening Held at JB Lyndhurst

Saturday, February 4, 2023 - Screening Held at JB Akron

Saturday, April 1, 2023 - Screening Held at JB Westlake

Saturday, June 3, 2023 - Screening Held at JB Akron

## **Kindergarten Screenings**

KG applicants for 2022-2023 will be invited in to screen based on openings, if any.

KG applicants for 2023-2024 will be invited to screen in March of 2023.

## **Why is the Screening Activity held at a different campus from the one I'm interested in?**

Our Screening Activities are held at various JB campuses five times each year. Applicants are invited to the next available Screening Activity, regardless of location. The location of a Screening Activity has no bearing on which campus a child will attend.

## **What if I can't attend the Screening Activity?**

The Screening Activity is a critical component of our evaluation process and allows us to ensure that we can meet your child's needs. If you cannot attend the Screening Activity immediately following the application submission, you will be invited to attend a Screening Activity in the future. Screening Activities are held five times each year.



# SCREENING FAQs, CONT.

## **Do I need to bring anything?**

No! If your child is attending a Screening Activity, we already have his or her updated application, IEP, and ETR on file. You do not need to send anything else with your child.

## **How should my child dress for the Screening Activity?**

Please dress your child in comfortable, school-appropriate clothes. While Julie Billiard Schools do require uniforms for current students, we do not expect prospective students to wear uniforms.

## **What if I don't have an up-to-date IEP and/or ETR?**

Those attending the Screening Activity must have completed applications with updated, submitted IEPs and ETRs. If you are awaiting an updated document from your school district of residence, please let us know so that we can invite you to a future Screening Activity.

## **I'm worried that my child won't be himself/herself at the screening. What can I do?**

We fully understand that children, especially those with learning and social differences, may have trepidation about this day. We promise to treat your kids like we do all of our students. Our goal is to make students feel calm and supported so that we can learn more about their unique needs. We've been leaders in special education for nearly 70 years, and have supported thousands of children through this process. Know that this screening is only one part of our determination. We are not evaluating or testing your child. We are evaluating whether or not Julie Billiard Schools have the services to support your child.

## **Can my child be re-screened if JB determines that they can't meet his/her needs?**

We know that children can experience tremendous growth from year to year. We would welcome the opportunity to meet with your child again in the future if you think that JB has the services to support him or her. We can re-screen one year from the date that your child was first screened.



# NEXT STEPS

-  Reach out to Julie Billiard Schools for more information! Talk to an Admissions Representative to learn more about our schools.
-  Attend an Interested Family Open House at one of our campuses. Open Houses are held monthly and are the best way to tour the school, meet our Principals and teachers, and ask questions.
-  Submit an application for your child at [www.juliebilliardschools.org/apply](http://www.juliebilliardschools.org/apply). All applications must be submitted in full, including an up-to-date IEP and ETR before Julie Billiard Schools can review.



## **YOU ARE HERE!**

Attend a Screening Activity. After your application is submitted, Julie Billiard Schools will reach out to invite your child to our next Screening Activity. Screening Activities are held five times each year.

Within a week of the Screening Activity, Julie Billiard Schools will notify you of our determination.

- If we have the services in place to support your child and we have an immediate opening in the grade level/campus you requested, we will reach out to schedule a meet and greet and an acceptance meeting.
- If we can support your child but do not have an immediate opening in your grade level/campus, we will notify you of this and add your child to our waitlist. We will share with you if we have any openings at our other campuses.
- If we do not have the services in place to support your child, we will notify you and offer as much assistance as possible as you look for other options.

