

WHAT HAPPENS AT A SCREENING DAY?

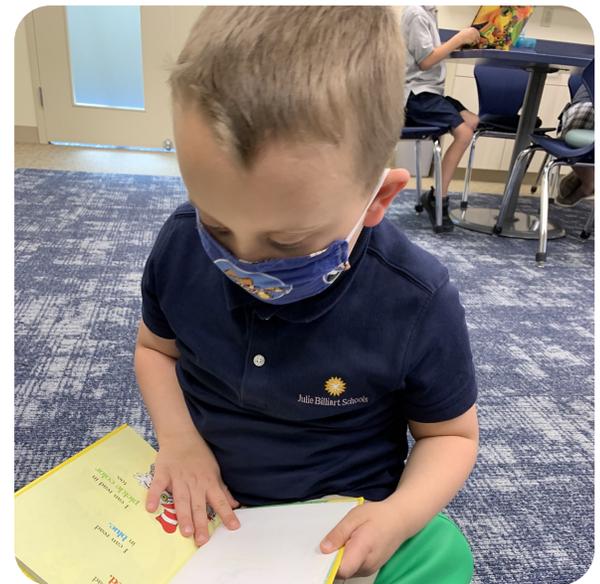
Thank you for taking the next step with Julie Billiard Schools! We can't wait to meet your child. Please know that the screening activity is only one element in our efforts to learn about your child and determine if we can support his or her needs.

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 takes less than two hours and becomes part of a holistic assessment of whether or not 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 has 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 day may include a morning meeting in which students are encouraged to introduce themselves, followed by a social activity. We facilitate a language arts or reading assessment, followed by a mini recess or structured game, then a math activity or assessment.

We observe a student's 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 DAY?

We hold Screening Days for students in grades 1-8 four times each year. Group screenings allow us to observe how students interact in a true class-like setting. After the Screening Day, we will share with you whether or not we feel we can meet your child's educational, social, emotional, and/or medical needs.

After the screening day, 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 make a determination on whether or not we could serve your child in the future.

Parents can expect to see a copy of that form and the determination within a week of the screening day. 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 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 onto 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 letter accompanying the evaluation form. The Principal of your school will contact you to set up an acceptance meeting.



2021-2022 SCREENING DATES & FAQs

Can my child come to a screening day before I submit an application?

We ask for fully submitted applications prior to attending screening. You can begin or complete an application for your child at juliebilliartschools.org/apply.

When are screenings held?

Screenings are held four times each year for students in Grades 1-8. During the 2021-2022 school year, they are scheduled for October 2, December 4, February 26, and June 4. Kindergarten applicants will be brought in to screen separately based on availability at each campus. The location of a screening day has no bearing on which campus a child will attend.

Grades 1-8 Screenings

Saturday, October 2, 2021 - Screening Held at JB Akron

Saturday, December 4, 2021 - Screening Held at JB Westlake

Saturday, February 26, 2022 - Screening Held at JB Akron

Saturday, June 4, 2022 - Screening Held at JB Lyndhurst

Kindergarten Screenings

KG applicants for 2021-2022 will be invited in to screen based on openings, if any.

KG applicants for 2022-2023 will be invited to screen in March of 2022.

Why is the screening day held at a different campus from the one I'm interested in?

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

What if I can't attend the screening day?

The screening day 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 this screening day, you will be invited to attend a screening day in the future. Screening days are held four times each year.



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Do I need to bring anything?

No! If your child is attending a screening day, 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 day?

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 day.

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 more than 60 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?

Julie Billiard Schools stand by the determination made following the screening activities. However, 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 Parent 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. 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 Day. After your application is submitted, Julie Billiard Schools will reach out to invite your child to our next Screening Day. Screening Days are held four times each year.

Within a week of the Screening Day, 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.

