

Please share with your school nurse.



Screening Tool for Turner Syndrome

The following characteristics are related to a condition associated with short stature in children (primarily girls, and rarely boys) called Turner syndrome (TS). Many children with TS are not diagnosed until after the age of nine. Outward signs may be non-existent or subtle and internal symptoms may be overlooked. It is estimated that 1 in 2,000 – 4,000 girls are born with TS (unknown for boys). The check lists below provide more detail related to characteristics of TS and is not comprehensive. All children with Turner syndrome are unique and will have varying degrees and occurrences of symptoms.

Any child who falls below 5% on the growth chart should consult with their pediatrician as this could be an indicator of medical issues.

Physical Observations

- Significantly shorter than peers
- Has a lazy eye
- Chin is not prominent.
- Arms turn out slightly at elbow
- Has many moles
- Stocky appearance
- High arched roof of mouth
- Broad chest
- Had/has swollen feet/hands
- Wears glasses
- Crowding of the teeth

Health Observations

- Less than 5% on growth chart
- Lack of age-appropriate sexual development
- Eardrum problems or hearing loss
- Baby teeth fell out early
- Multiple urinary tract infections
- Multiple ear infections
- Scoliosis
- Thyroid issues
- Celiac disease
- Cardiac anomalies

Social/School Observations

- Slightly less mature than peers
- Excellent speaking skills
- Poor math skills
- Routines are important
- Energetic
- Receives help for learning issues
- Dwells on certain issues or obsesses with certain ideas
- Often rejected by peers
- Ignores physical pain
- Disorganized
- Needs extra time to complete work