



# Visual screening by schoolhealth services in the frenchspeaking community

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#### Schoolhealth Services

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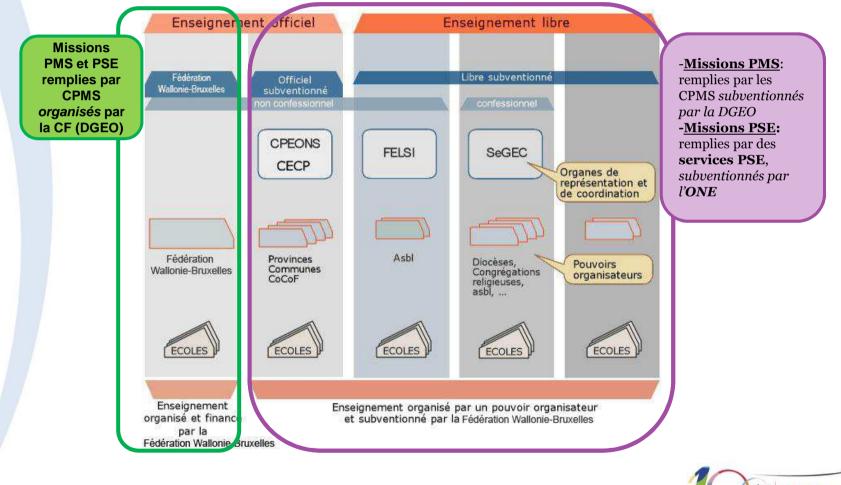
= Promotion de Santé à l'Ecole (PSE)

Under the responsibility of the Birth and Child Office (ONE) since the 6th state reform (2014)

- 6 missions:
  - Put in place health promotion programs and promote a healthy school environment;
  - Provide preventive **medical monitoring of pupils**: health check-ups and vaccination monitoring;
  - Ensure prophylaxis and screening for contagious diseases;
  - Compile a collection of **health data**;
  - In higher education (other than universities): Organize "health points";
  - Important actor in the detection of child abuse
- Mandatory- Universal- free
  - Opportunity for each child to benefit of a preventive medical monitoring
  - Instrument for reducing social inequalities in health
  - "Proportionate universalism"



### The FWB educational system





## Some data (2016-2017):

- 928 021 pupils (in mandatory schoolyears)
- 77.324 pupils in higher education (other than universities)
- **PSE services** : **83,5** % of the school population (= 774 430 pupils)
- Centres PMS-FWB: 16,5 % of the school population (= 153 591 pupils)
- 288 school doctors
- 418 school nurses (327 full-time equivalent).



## **Health Check-ups**

#### Ordinary

- 1st Kindergarten year (partial: sight-hearing)
- 3rd Kindergarten year (complete + neuromotor test and language)
- 2nd Primary school year (complete)
- 4th Primary school year (partial: sight)
- 6th Primary school year (complete)
- 1st differentiated high school year, 2nd high school year, 4th high school year (complete)
- 1st year in post high school education (other than universities) (complete)
- CEFA and specialized education: 1st year of attendance then every 2 years (complete)
- Recent arrivals in Belgium, 1st year in Belgium (complete, point of attention for TBC)
- Spécific Whenever necessary



+/- 70% of the time is spent for:

Health Check-ups

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#### Health data collection

- Anonymized
- Covers the entire mandatory schoolyears children
- Purpose: identification of the local and the FWB needs
- Data collected:
  - Weight, Size, BMI
  - Visual acuity and the use of correction (as well as forgetting the latter)
  - Blood pressure (in high school)
  - o Glicosuria & protéinuria (in high school)
  - o Referred to a doctor



#### Health data collection: Visual acuity 2016-2017 Ex:% of pupils tested per test per school year:

Tests	1stK (n=39602)	3rdK (n=47686)	2ndP (n=50486)	6thP (n=45919)
Image test	22,9%	1,3%	0%	0%
E test	40,5%	92,4%	99,8%	<b>99,9</b> %
Stycar	36,6%	6,2%	0,1%	0,1%
Stéréoscopy	85,1%	79,8%	28%	14%
Réfractometer	1,7%	1,7%	0,6%	0,7%
Wearer of correction	4,9%	9,6%	14,9%	23,8%
Not a wearer of correction	95%	90,1%	84,2%	74,8%
Wearer of correction but forgotten	0,1%	0,3%	0,9%	1,4%

Health data collection: Health check-ups 2017-2018

**Ex:** % of pupils tested in kindergarten

1stK: 74,6% of the pupils

3rdK: 91,7% of the pupils



#### Visual screening

#### **Biaf:**

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- Quality of the tests (Isolated, contour bars, logarithmic ....?)
- Environment of the testing (brightness, number of children ...?)
- The tests used in PSE to test visual acuity are very different from one center to another, there is a great heterogeneity.
- The way to test is also very different, especially in kindergarten (child alone, in small groups of 3, whole class, at school or in the center ....)

=> Work in process to establish guidelines in order to move towards a harmonized EBM field practice.



#### **Useful links**

- To inform parents about health check-ups : Air de famille http://www.airdefamilles.be/sante-visite-medicale-sante-enfants-one-adf516/#.WtYPXbkh2Uk
- For general information about PSE : <u>http://www.one.be/professionnels/suivi-medico-social/a-l-ecole/</u>
- To find out the PSE of a school: « Direction PSE » of the ONE
  - dpse@one.be 02/432 88 10 (Mme Laurence Servais)
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- For a medical question about PSE: « Direction santé » of the ONE <u>direction.santé@one.be</u>
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