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HEALTH EXAMINATIONS AND IMMUNIZATIONS

Pupils who enter the district schools for the first time shall have a medical examination conducted at the medical home of the student, and a full report sent to the school. If a student does not have a medical home, the district may facilitate the arrangement of this examination at the school physician's office or other appropriately equipped facility. "Medical home" means a health care provider and that provider's practice site chosen by the student's parent/guardian for the provision of health care. As the school physician is also a health care provider, the parent/guardian may request that the school physician provide the medical examination.~~present a certificate from a licensed physician to attest to their physical condition. At the parent/guardian's request, the school physician may conduct an examination and sign the certificate.~~

A pupil shall be exempted from mandatory immunization if the parent/guardian objects to immunization in a written statement submitted to the Superintendent, signed by the parent/guardian, explaining how the administration of immunizing agents conflicts with the pupil's exercise of bona fide religious tenets or practices. General philosophical or moral objection to immunization shall not be sufficient for an exemption on religious grounds.

Every pupil who enters the district schools for the first time shall present an immunization record as required by law.

In order to protect the health of the children and staff in district schools, all regulations of the State Department of Education, the State Department of Health and the local Board of Health shall be scrupulously observed, particularly those dealing with contagious/infectious diseases or conditions. Pupils seeking to enter school who have been identified as having a communicable/infectious disease or condition shall not be enrolled unless they qualify under the above agencies' rules pertaining to periods of incubation, communicability, quarantine and reporting.

The results of physical examinations and screenings shall be reported to the pupil's parent/guardian when any condition is identified that requires follow-up by a physician or family health provider.

The Superintendent shall instruct all teaching staff members to observe pupils continually for conditions that indicate a physical defect or disability and to report such conditions promptly to the school nurse.

The Superintendent shall formulate regulations for this policy and for regular pupil health examinations at appropriate grade levels; before participation in sports programs; and for tuberculosis, scoliosis, hearing loss, visual acuity and any other physical examinations required by

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law. Any health defects revealed by any examination given by the school health services must be reported to the parent/guardian. The Board shall review the regulations and adopt those required by law.

Parent Notice

In accordance with federal law, the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA), parents/guardians shall be notified annually of the opportunity for the parent/guardian to opt the student out of any non-emergency, invasive physical examination or screening that is:

- A. Required as a condition of attendance;
- B. Administered by the school and scheduled by the school in advance; and
- C. Not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of the student, or of other students.

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Possible

<u>Cross References:</u>	1410	Local units
	4123	Classroom aides
	5111	Admission
	5113	Absences and excuses
	5131.6	Drugs, alcohol, tobacco (substance abuse)
	5141	Health
	5141.21	Administering medication
	R5141.3	Health Examinations
	5200	Nonpublic school pupils
	6142.4	Physical education and health
	6145.1/6145.2	Intramural competition; interscholastic competition
	6164.4	Child study team
	6171.4	Special education

Key Words

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*Rationale: Updated policy to include choice of medical home. Added parent notification section. Policy is now monitored.*