

CAMBRIAN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board Policy

Administrative Procedure 5141.3

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STUDENT

Physical Examinations of Pupils

I. Notification of Rights

The Principal of each school shall notify parents and guardians of the rights of students and parents relating to health examinations and immunizations at the beginning of the school year.

II. Medical Examinations

- A. Unless a written statement is filed annually with the Principal by parents or guardian requesting exemption of his/her child from the health examinations, the child will be subject to routine tests including audiometer, eye and dental inspection from time to time, and, upon referral, to a complete physical examination.
- B. Pupils reasonably suspected by the District medical officer of having tuberculosis may be ordered to take a medical examination to show that the pupil does not have communicable tuberculosis unless the examination is contrary to the pupil's beliefs as provided by law. Any child may, be excluded from school by the District medical officer or the Board if it is believed that the child is afflicted with communicable tuberculosis.

III. Christian Science Exemptions

The State of California upholds the right of the Christian Scientist to exercise freedom to choose non-medical means of treatment by granting exemptions from mental and physical examinations, medical treatment, and health education in schools when objectionable to religious belief. The procedures set forth below were developed in consideration of these rights.

- A. A claim for exemption should be filed by the parents at the beginning of each school year and whenever a pupil is transferred to another school. A filed claim is valid for only one year. The Christian Science

Religious Exemption form which is provided by the church includes the following.

- 1. Medical treatment other than first aid

2. Evidence of health screening
3. All physical examinations
4. Visual acuity examinations
5. Immunization from poliomyelitis, measles, mumps, rubella, diphtheria, pertussis and tetanus.
6. Psychiatric, psychological and mental health examinations
7. Health education
8. Instruction in or assemblies involving hypnotism

The responsibility for initiating the filing of the exemption form rests with the parent.

- B. When the school receives the exemption form it should be routed to the school nurse. It will be the nurse's responsibility to record this information on the cumulative health record and to notify the appropriate staff member(s) regarding the exemption.
- C. When required courses of study include instruction in health, family life and sex education that conflict with the religious beliefs of the individual, the student may be excused from that part of the training. (It is not the simple knowledge of anatomy that is objectionable, but rather the detailed description of diseases). The teacher shall excuse the student from this portion of the curriculum and will provide another assignment in lieu of the work missed. If a student is exempted from instruction, the grade is not to be penalized if the student completes satisfactorily the substitute assignment. Normally, simple instruction in first aid is not considered objectionable. However, a provision for exemption does exist.
- D. Christian Science parents should have on file with the school the names of persons who should be contacted in case of emergency.
- E. Parents of Christian Science students are to be encouraged to discuss any of the aforementioned procedures about which they have questions. Their calls may be directed to the District Office.