

Students

Health Assessments and Immunizations

The Amity Regional School District No. 5 (District) Board of Education (Board) recognizes the importance of periodic health assessments, including oral assessments, according to state health regulations.

To determine health status of students, facilitate the removal of disabilities to learning and find whether some special adaptation of the school program may be necessary, the Board of Education requires that students have health assessments.

The Board of Education adheres to those state laws and regulations that pertain to school immunizations and health assessments, including oral health assessments. It is the policy of the Board of Education to ensure that all enrolled students are adequately immunized against communicable diseases. The Board may deny continued attendance in school to any student who fails to obtain the health assessments required under C.G.S. 10-206, as may be periodically amended.

The Superintendent shall designate the school nurse to receive reports of health assessments and immunizations from health care providers.

Parents/Guardians wishing their children exempted or excused from health assessments, must request such exemption to the Superintendent of Schools in writing. This request must be signed by the parent/guardian.

Parents/Guardians may present a medical exemption form developed by the Department of Public Health (DPH), posted on the DPH website, that their medical provider believes a required vaccination is medically contraindicated for their child based on the child's medical condition. The DPH form is to be signed by a physician, physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse.

Any child enrolled in kindergarten through twelfth grade on or before April 28, 2021 and whose parents/guardians had presented a religious exemption written request before April 28, 2021 will be permitted continued use of the exemption even if such child transfers to another school in Connecticut.

It is the responsibility of the Principal to insure that each student enrolled has been adequately immunized and has fulfilled the required health assessments. The school nurse shall check and document immunizations and health assessments on all students enrolling in school and to report the status to the school principal. The school nurse shall also contact parents or guardians to make them aware if immunizations and/or health assessments are insufficient or not up-to-date. The school nurse will maintain in good order the immunization and health assessment records of each student enrolled.

Students born in high risk countries and entering school in Connecticut for the first time, should receive either TST (tuberculin skin test) or IGRA (interferon-gamma release assay). Any individual found to be positive shall have an appropriate medical management plan developed that includes a chest radiograph.

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Students not already known to have a positive test for tuberculosis should be tested if they meet any of the risk factors for TB infection, as described in the administrative regulations accompanying this policy.

No record of any student's medical assessment may be open to the public.

When required, the District will report, to the Department of Public Health and to the local Health Director the asthma data, pertaining to the total number of students per school and for the district, obtained through the required asthma assessments, including student demographics. Such required asthma diagnosis shall occur at the time of mandated health assessment at the time of enrollment, in grade seven and in grade ten. Such asthma diagnosis shall be reported whether or not it is recorded on the health assessment form at the aforementioned intervals. The District, as when required, will also participate in annual school surveys conducted by the Department of Public Health pertaining to asthma.

When required, the District will annually report to the Department of Public Health information required on the School Immunization Entry Survey.

The Superintendent of Schools/their designee shall give written notice to the parent/guardian of each student who is found to have any defect of vision or disease of the eyes, with a brief statement describing such defect or disease and a recommendation that the student be examined by an appropriately licensed optometrist or ophthalmologist.

(cf. 5111 - Admission)

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

(cf. 5141 – Student Health Services)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-204a Required immunizations (as amended by P.A. 15-174 and P.A. 15-242 and PA 21-6)

10-204c Immunity from liability

10-205 Appointment of school medical adviser

10-206 Health assessments (as amended by PA 17-146 and PA 18-168, and P.A. 21-121, Section 67)

10-207 Duties of medical advisors

10-206a Free health assessments(

10-208 Exemption from examination or treatment

10-208a Physical activity of student restricted; board to honor notice

10-209 Records not to be public. Provision of reports to school.

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10-212 School nurses

10-214 Vision, audiometric and postural screenings. When required. Notification of parents re defects; record of results. (as amended by PA 17-173)

Department of Public Health, Public Health Code, 10-204a-2a, 10-204a-3a, 10-204a-4

Section 4 of PA 14-231

Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (section 438 of the General Education Provisions Act, as amended, added by section 513 of P.L. 93-568, codified at 20 U.S.C. 1232g.

P.L. 93-568; codified as 20 U.S.C. 1232g

42 U.S.C. 1320d-1320d-8 P.L. 104-191, Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA)

PA 17-146 “An Act Concerning the Department of Public Health’s Various Revisions to the Public Health Statutes,” Section 5, effective 10/1/17

PA 18-168 An Act Concerning the Department of Public Health’s Recommendations Regarding Various Revisions to the Public Health Statutes, Sections 7-9, 539 & 5