

## PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS OF STUDENTS

1. All students entering our school system, as well as students entering Pre-K, Kindergarten and Grade 7 will have a physical examination by either their own doctor or the school physician.
2. The physical examination may be performed by the family physician in order that the family physician-parent relationship may be maintained, provided that the results of the examination are recorded and reported to the school nurse-teacher. Forms for reporting physical examinations by family physicians will be distributed to all pupils who are due for examination. Forms will be returned through the respective schools to the school nurse.
3. Health examinations shall be a complete, age appropriate history and physical examination, assessing the health and well being of the child and evaluating any challenges to the child's success in school and school related activities.
4. Hearing screening will be conducted on students Pre-K, K, 1, 2, and 3. Vision screening will be conducted according to the State Regulations. Students entering the school, Grades 1-5 and Grades 7 & 9, will be screened.
5. The school physician will conduct a thorough physical examination for all high school students participating in interscholastic athletics at the beginning of each season of athletic competition.

### Dental Examinations

Pupils in Grades K-5 and Grade 7 will be screened by the school dentist.

Forms will be distributed urging each pupil to have his teeth examined by his family dentist.

Forms may be completed and returned to the school nurse by the family dentist.

The school Dentist will examine all pupils who have not returned evidence of examination by the family dentist. Referral notices will be sent to parents/guardians of pupils who are found to have defects.

### Lead Screening

1. Prior to enrollment of Pre-K and Kindergarten students, parents/guardians must provide evidence that the child has been screened for lead poisoning.

### Scoliosis Screening

1. Students in Grades 6, 7 and 8 will be screened annually for scoliosis (abnormal curvature of the spine).
2. Screening will be conducted after the students are introduced to the nature of the condition, its effects and the nature of the scoliosis screening procedure.

3. Screening or examination conducted by a student's physician shall require documentation made available to the school nurse.
4. Referral notices will be sent to parents/guardian of pupils.

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*Note: For details of the responsibilities of various health personnel in the student examination process, refer to the school department's job description manual.*

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