



## CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEW BRITAIN

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### **Board Policy Statement**

#### **5141.30 - School Health: Immunizations, Physical Exams and Tests**

Approved on May 17, 2010

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The Board requires its students be immunized in accordance with Connecticut General Statute Section 10-204a and regulations promulgated under that law. The Board may deny entrance into or continued attendance in New Britain schools to any student who is not protected by adequate immunization.

The Board recognizes the importance of periodic health assessments including physical exams and testing of its students. Such health assessments shall be performed to determine whether a student is suffering from any physical disability tending to prevent the student from receiving the full benefit of school work and to determine whether such school work needs to be modified in order to prevent injury to the student or to arrange for a suitable program of education. All health assessments will be conducted in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes. The Board may deny entrance into or continued attendance in New Britain schools to any student who fails to obtain the necessary health assessments required by law.

Student medical records maintained by the New Britain schools for such mandatory health assessments are not open for public inspection.

#### **Legal References/Citations**

Conn. Gen. Stat. Sect. 10-205, 10-206, 10-206a, 10-207, 10-208, 10-209, 10-212, 10-214



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### **Administrative Procedure**

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No child except as hereinafter provided shall be permitted to attend any New Britain public school unless his/her parent or legal guardian has presented to the school department acceptable documentation of physical exams and tests and adequate immunization in accordance with this Administrative Procedure, Board Policy 3-10, State Statutes and State Department of Health Services and Department of Education Regulations.

#### **I. Required Immunizations**

A. Each child shall be protected by adequate immunization against:

- Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus (DPT)
- Poliomyelitis (OPV or IPV)
- Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)
- Hemophilus Influenzae Type B\* (Hib) (Only students under 5 years-old)
- Hepatitis B (HBV)
- Varicella (for those born after 1/1/97 or 6th grade entry in August 2001)

B. The policy shall not apply under any of the following circumstances:

- a. If the child presents a certificate from a physician or local health agency stating that initial immunizations have been given to said child and additional immunizations are in process under guidelines and schedules specified by the Commission of Health Services set forth in Section 10-204a-2a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies or as the same may be amended.
- b. If the child presents a certificate from a physician stating that, in the opinion of such physician, such immunization is medically contradicted because of the physical condition of the child.
- c. If the child presents a statement from the parents or guardian of such child that such immunization would be contrary to the religious beliefs of child's parents or guardian.
- d. If, in the case of measles, mumps or rubella, Hepatitis B, the child presents a certificate form a physician or the Director of Health in such child's present or previous town of residence, stating that the child has had a confirmed case of such disease or has serologic confirmation of the disease.

- e. If, in the case of pertussis, the child has passed his/her sixth birthday.
  - f. If in the case of Hepatitis B, an individual was born before January 1, 1194 and for entrance into 6th grade starting in August 2001, one immunization is required. A series of three immunizations is required for entry into 7th grade in August 2002.
- C. Immunizations shall be deemed adequate if it conforms to the definition of adequate immunization established by regulation of the Department of Health Services as set forth in Section 10-204a-2a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, or as the same may be amended.
- D. Documentation shall be deemed acceptable if it is signed by the child's parent or guardian, the school department may require medical records of such immunizations.

## **II. Required Physical Exams and Tests**

All required physical exams must be performed by a legally qualified practitioner of medicine or the school medical advisor. Any required exam performed by an employee of New Britain public schools shall be made in the presence of the student's parent or another school employee. A parent shall receive prior written notice and have a reasonable opportunity to attend such exam or in the alternative to make arrangements for such exam on his own. The Cumulative Health Record of Each student shall be kept on file in the school the student attends. Any student record pertaining to required physical exams shall not be open to public inspection.

### **A. Prior to enrollment the New Britain Public Schools, a student must have:**

- a. A complete physical exam done by a Connecticut licensed physician, APRN or PA within 12 months of enrollment and no later than 30 days after enrollment, including hematocrit or hemoglobin test, height, weight and blood pressure, with notation of any abnormal defect, or significant health factor which could or might affect the child's health or level of ability to perform.
- b. Students that transfer into New Britain Public Schools must present a copy physical exam done by a physician, APRN or PA licensed in the State of Connecticut that was done for entrance into Kindergarten , 6th or 9th grade.
- c. Proof of administration of tuberculin test or has had a tuberculin test upon entrance into pre-Kindergarten/Kindergarten, middle school and high school if the student is from within the State of Connecticut. The tuberculin test must have been done within the past twelve months. All students will receive the Mantoux PPD (Purified Protein Derivative) skin test. A tine test will be used only if the Mantoux PPD cannot be done
  - i. Students that transfer into New Britain Public Schools from out of state need to obtain another PPD before entering school. The test may be read by the school nurse.
  - ii. Students from a foreign country or Puerto Rico shall be excluded from school until the test is read at the Health Department or primary care provider prior to attending schools. Written record of tuberculosis test results from a healthcare provider or Health Department is required before students attend school.

- iii. If a tuberculin test is positive, the student shall be x-rayed and excluded from school until results from the chest x-ray are available. Follow-up treatment will be offered if indicated by either a private physician or the Health Department Pulmonary Clinic.
  1. Students who are new to the school district who have a history of a positive PPD must provide proof of no active pulmonary disease (CXR completed therapy). If the student cannot provide written proof of completed therapy, then a CXR must be done for school entrance.
  2. Students who presently attend school in New Britain who have a history of a positive PPD and have provided written proof of completing therapy do not need another chest x-ray or PPD unless symptomatic.
  3. Students, who have had a tuberculin test on or after the age of three in the state do not need to have the tuberculosis test repeated for Kindergarten entrance unless the tuberculin test was done prior to the age of three years old.
  4. Tuberculosis testing for school re-entry is needed for children who have left the state for twelve months or longer.
  5. Students who are unable to get a PPD test because of a recent MMR or Varivaz, should receive a tuberculosis test six weeks after the date of the MMR for chemoprophylaxis treatment if needed. A negative chest x-ray will be needed for school entry.
- d. Proof of adequate immunizations as required by Section 10-204a-2a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, including:
  - i. DPT or DPaT – four doses- the last dose must be given on or after the fourth birthday and upon entry into Kindergarten. For those entering school after age 6, pertussis is not required, only diphtheria and tetanus.
  - ii. MMR or MMRV –given on or after the first birthday. We require physician’s documentation as to day-month-year for MMR and MMRV immunizations. Two doses must be given before entry into Kindergarten starting August 2000. On entry to middle school, a booster for measles is required.
  - iii. OPV or IPV – three doses with the third dose given on/or after the fourth birthday, and before school entry.
  - iv. All students before entering Connecticut public or nonpublic schools before the age of five (5) must show proof of adequate immunization against Hemphilus Influenza, Type B (HIB). Note: adequate immunization is considered a single dose of HIB vaccine given at age 15 months or older.
  - v. Students entering Kindergarten and 6th grade must show proof of a second immunization against measles, mumps and rubella.

- vi. Hepatitis B – three doses for those born after January 1, 1994.
- vii. Students entering sixth grade must show proof of varicella-one dose of vaccine if child is less than 13 years old or two doses (given 28 days apart) if child is 13 years old or older or written proof by physician, physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse indicating that the child has had chickenpox.

**B. Prior to enrollment in preschool programs, which includes programs sponsored by the school district or an outside agency that utilizes public school buildings during school hours, a student must have:**

- a. A complete physical exam and history as described above. A complete physical exam shall be done yearly. The physical exam can be documented on a Health Assessment Record from the State of Connecticut or a Head Start form. Upon entry into Kindergarten, the physical is to be documented on the Health Assessment Record form.
- b. Tuberculin test is required for students that are older than one year old. The tuberculin test must have been done within the past twelve months.
- c. Proof of adequate immunization as required by Section 10-204a-2a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.
- d. Vision, hearing, speech and gross dental screenings.

**C. Prior to enrollment in middle school, a student must have:**

- a. A complete physical exam and history as described above plus a specific notation as to the presence or absence of scoliosis.
- b. Tuberculin test as above. (6th grade) (See C. 1-7 for criteria)
- c. Proof of adequate immunization as required by Section 10-204a-2a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, including MMR booster or MMRV booster if the student has not had, or been immunized for, chicken pox (varicella). We require recorded date day-month-year for MMR or MMRV immunizations.
- d. Vision, hearing, speech and gross dental screenings.
- e. Prior to enrollment in high school, a student must have:
- f. A complete physical exam and history as described above plus a specific notation as to the presence or absence of scoliosis.
- g. Tuberculin test as above. (9th grade) (See C. 1-7 for criteria)

- h. Proof of adequate immunization as required by Section 10-204a-2a of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies. (Note: DT booster is strongly recommended if there has been no booster since entry to elementary school.)
- i. Vision, hearing, speech and gross dental screenings.
  - i. The Board will provide the following tests to its students by accordance with Sections 10-214-1 through 5 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies:
    - ii. Vision – Kindergarten, grades 1 through 6 and grade 9
    - iii. Audiometric – Kindergarten through grade 3, grade 5 and grade 8
    - iv. Postural – Grades 5 through 9
- j. The Superintendent shall give written notice to a parent of a student who is found to have a defect in vision, hearing or posture based upon these tests.
  - i. A parent or legal guardian of a student (or the student, if over 18 and/or emancipated) may make a request, in writing, to the Superintendent for exemption from these required examinations and tests on the basis of religious grounds. Any other request for exemption must be approved by the school medical advisor.