

## 5141.3 (a)

### **Students Health Assessments and Immunizations Health Assessments**

Health assessments and complete immunization records are required for each student prior to initial enrollment in Brookfield public schools. Early Intervention Pre-school health assessments shall be accepted if done within twelve months from the date of school entry. All other health assessments shall be accepted if done within the twelve months prior to enrollment. A student transferring from one Connecticut school district to another is not required to have an additional assessment prior to enrollment but may be required to fill out a questionnaire with the school nurse to assess the risk of exposure to tuberculosis. Additional health assessments are required in grades six and ten.

These health assessments shall be administered by a legally qualified practitioner of medicine, an advanced practice registered nurse or a physician's assistant.

Health assessments shall include:

1. physical examination, blood pressure, height and weight, hematocrit or hemoglobin\*; and beginning with the 2003-2004 School Year a chronic disease assessment, which shall include, but not be limited to asthma;
2. immunizations as required by the Connecticut General Statutes;
3. screening: postural (only at assessments in sixth and tenth grades), vision, hearing and gross dental;
4. a determination of the risk of exposure to tuberculosis at each examination mandated by the Connecticut Department of Public Health All students from high risk countries (as defined by Connecticut Department of Public Health) who are entering the system for the first time must receive a Mantoux test. A history of Bacille Calmette-Guerin (BCG) vaccination is not a contraindication to testing nor should it be considered interpretation of the skin test results. All students who are identified as positive reactors to the Mantoux test for the first time shall consult a physician and shall bring verification within three weeks to the school nurse stating that they have had a chest x-ray and are free of active tuberculosis; and

• hematocrit/hemoglobin is NOT required for Early Intervention Pre-school health assessment 5141.3 (b)

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5. other information, such as health and development history, the physician feels is necessary and appropriate.

In those instances at school entry where a school-aged child is NOT adequately immunized, school attendance shall be permitted only if that child:

- a. has received, in the month prior to first attendance, a dose of each required vaccine for which that child is deficient and
- b. continues on the schedule until adequately immunized.

**Health Screening**

The school system shall provide health screenings to students at no cost to parents. Parents shall be provided an annual written notification of screenings to be conducted. Parents wishing to have these screenings conducted by their private physicians at the parent's expense shall be required to inform the school nurse that the screenings will be done privately and report screening results to the school nurse.

The following health screening schedule shall be implemented in Brookfield Schools:

- Vision Screening Grades K-6, 9
- Audiometric Screening Grades K-3, 5, 8
- Postural Screening Grades 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

Health assessment and health screening can be waived only if the parent or legal guardian of the student (or the student (if he/she is an emancipated minor or is eighteen years of age or older) has properly signed medical or religious exemption forms filed with the school nurse.

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**Sport Physicals**

A physical examination by a legally qualified practitioner of medicine, an advanced practice registered nurse or physician's assistant is required annually for interscholastic sports participation. Examinations for any given school year shall be acceptable if performed no earlier than the preceding June.

Sports physicals are required annually for all school athletes.

The Sport Physical examination shall include:

1. general physical examination including: skin, head, eyes, ears, nose, throat, respiratory, cardiovascular, abdomen, spine/musculoskeletal, neurological, genitalia (hernia);
2. height and weight;
3. vision screening; and
4. other information, such as health and developmental history as the medical examiner feels is necessary and appropriate.

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(cf. - 5125 and 5125.1 - Student Records, Confidentiality)

Legal Reference:

Connecticut General Statutes  
10-204 Vaccination  
10-204a -1-3 Required immunizations (Statute and associated regulations)  
10-205 Appointment of school medical advisers  
10-206 Health assessments (as amended by P.A. 80-440) (as amended by June special session PA 01-1)  
10-206a Free health assessments  
10-207 Duties of medical advisers  
10-208 Exemption from examination or treatment  
10-209 Records not to be public  
10-212 School nurses  
10-214 Vision, audiometric and postural screening, when required. Notification of parents re defects; record of results  
  
PA No. 91-327 - An act concerning universal childhood immunization and requiring testing of children for lead levels in the blood.  
PA No. 94-103 - An act concerning student health record authorization and administration of medications in schools.  
PA No. 96-229 - An act concerning postural screening in grades 5 to 9 inclusive  
PA No. 96-244 An act clarifying that all children enrolled in programs operated by local or regional BOE's must be immunized pursuant to these regulations

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