

PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS OF STUDENTS

Each child must have a complete physical examination within one year preceding first entry to school. The Board recommends that physical exams also be completed before entry into middle school and again before high school. No medical examination shall be required of a child whose parent or guardian objects thereto in writing on the grounds such medical examination is contrary to his/her religious tenets and teachings. Students entering school from outside the continental United States must have a physical examination within two months prior to entry to school. If the student is coming from a country wherein there has been a known outbreak of a communicable disease, the child will be required to wait a period of up to ten days prior to school entry unless documentation by a doctor can be provided that the student does not have the designated communicable disease.

Parents of students transferring to the District must present proof of meeting the physical examination requirement prior to or upon first entry into the District's schools. Failure to comply with this provision may result in exclusion from school for the child.

No child shall be excused from regular physical education except on the written notice of a duly licensed health care provider or on the written request of the parents, subject to the Superintendent's approval, in which case an alternative program shall be provided. The physical education teacher, school nurse, or principal, upon the request of the parents, may grant temporary excuses on a day-to-day basis.

Parent Notification – Certain Circumstances

Pursuant to No Child Left Behind and the Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment, if the District utilizes federal money to perform physical exams or screenings on students, the District will notify parent(s) of such physical exam or screening and will allow the parent's to "opt out" their child of any non-emergency, invasive physical exam or screening required as a condition of attendance, administered by the school or its agent and scheduled by the school, and not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of a student or of another student, except for hearing, vision, or scoliosis screenings, or any physical exam or screening permitted or required under state law.

Legal References:

NH Code of Administrative Rules, Sec. Ed. 311.03, Physical Examination of Students

RSA 141-C:20-c, Exemptions

RSA 200:32, Physical Examination of Pupils

RSA 200:38, Control and Prevention of Communicable Diseases; Duties of School Nurse

No Child Left Behind, Title II, Sec 1061

Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment, 20 U.S.C. §1232h; 34 C.F.R. Part 28

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