

Students

Health Assessments and Immunizations

The Board of Education recognizes the importance of periodic health 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. It is the policy of the Board of Education to insure 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 Board of Education shall annually designate a representative to receive reports of health assessments and immunizations from health care providers.

Parents 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.

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.

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

As required, the District will annually 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 either grade six or seven, and in either grade ten or eleven (Effective July 1, 2008: grade nine or 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 required, will also participate in annual school surveys conducted by the Department of Public Health pertaining to asthma.

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(cf. 5111 - Admission)
(cf. 5141.31 - Physical Examinations for School Programs)
(cf. 5125 - Student Records)
(cf. 5125.11 - Health/Medical Records – HIPAA)
(cf. 5141 - Student Health Services)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes
 10-204 Vaccination
 10-204a Required immunizations as amended by PA 96-244.
 10-204c Immunity from liability
 10-205 Appointment of school medical adviser
 10-206 Health assessments (as amended by June Special Session PA 01-1,
 PA 05-272 and PA07-58)
 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 schools.
 10-212 School nurses and nurse practitioners
 10-214 Vision, audiometric and postural screenings. When required.
 Notification of parents re defects; record of results, as amended by PA 96-
 229, An Act Concerning Scoliosis Screening
 20 U.S.C. Section 1232h, No Child Left Behind Act
 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)
 42 U.S.C. 1320d-1320d-8, P.L. 104-191, Health Insurance Portability and
 Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA)

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The following are the administrative procedures to implement policy #5141.3:

In accordance with Connecticut General Statutes 10-206, 10-204a, and 10-214, the following health assessment procedures are established for students in the District:

- 1) Proof of immunization shall be required prior to school entry. This immunization verification is mandatory for all new school enterers and must include complete documentation of those immunizations requiring a full series. A required immunization record includes:
 - a. **Preschool (Children entering after age 3 but before age 5)**

DTaP:	4 doses
Polio:	3 doses
MMR:	1 dose on or after the 1 st birthday
Hep B:	3 doses, last dose on or after 24 weeks of age
Varicella:	1 dose on or after the 1 st birthday or verification of disease
Hib:	1 dose on or after the 1 st birthday
Pneumococcal:	1 dose on or after the 1 st birthday
Influenza:	1 dose administered each year between August 1-December 31 (2 doses separated by at least 28 days required for those receiving flu for the first time)
Hepatitis A:	2 doses given six calendar months apart, 1 st dose on or after 1 st birthday
 - b. **Kindergarten**

DTaP:	At least 4 doses. The last dose must be given on or after 4 th birthday
Polio:	At least 3 doses. The last dose must be given on or after 4 th birthday
MMR:	2 doses separated by at least 28 days, 1 st dose on or after the 1 st birthday
Hep B:	3 doses, last dose on or after 24 weeks of age
Varicella:	2 doses separated by at least 3 months, 1 st dose on or after the 1 st birthday or verification of disease
Hib:	1 dose on or after the 1 st birthday for children less than 5 years old
Pneumococcal:	1 dose on or after the 1 st birthday for children less than 5 years old
Hepatitis A:	2 doses given six calendar months apart, 1 st dose on or after 1 st birthday

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c. Grade 1

DTaP:	At least 4 doses. The last dose must be given on or after 4 th birthday
Polio:	At least 3 doses. The last dose must be given on or after 4 th birthday
MMR:	2 doses separated by at least 28 days, 1 st dose on or after the 1 st birthday
Hep B:	3 doses, last dose on or after 24 weeks of age
Varicella:	2 doses separated by at least 3 months, 1 st dose on or after the 1 st birthday or verification of disease

d. Grades 2-6

DTaP/Td/Tdap:	At least 4 doses. The last dose must be given on or after 4 th birthday. Students who start the series at age 7 or older only need a total of 3 doses.
Polio:	At least 3 doses. The last dose must be given on or after 4 th birthday
MMR:	2 doses separated by at least 28 days, 1 st dose on or after the 1 st birthday
Hep B:	3 doses, last dose on or after 24 weeks of age
Varicella:	1 dose on or after the 1 st birthday or verification of disease

NOTE: Students must show proof of 3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine or serologic evidence of infection to enter eighth grade.

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Immunization requirements are satisfied if a student:

- (1) presents verification of the above-mentioned required immunizations;
- (2) presents a certificate from a physician, physician's assistant, advanced practice registered nurse (APRN), or a local health agency stating that initial immunizations have been administered to the child and additional immunizations are in process;
- (3) presents a certificate from a physician stating that, in the opinion of the physician, immunization is medically contraindicated because of the physical condition of the child;
- (4) presents a statement from the parents or guardian of the child that such immunization would be contrary to religious beliefs of the child;
- (5) he/she has had a natural infection confirmed in writing by a physician, physician's assistant, advanced practice registered nurse (APRN), or laboratory confirmation for Hepatitis B, mumps, Rubella and varicella.

Health assessment and health screening requirements are waived if the parent, legal guardian of the student, or the student (if he or she is an emancipated minor or is eighteen years of age or older) notifies the school personnel in writing that the parent, guardian or student objects on religious grounds. (CGS 10-204 a)

Students failing to meet the above requirements shall not be allowed to attend school.

- 2) A physical examination including blood pressure, height, 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, and which must include public health-related screening questions for parents to answer and other screening questions for providers, and screenings for hearing, vision, speech, gross dental, and posture shall be required for all new school enterers and students in grade 6*. This health assessment must be completed prior to school entry. This assessment must be conducted within the school year for students in grade 6*. Parents of students in grade 6 shall be notified, in writing, of the requirement of a health assessment.

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This assessment shall also include tests for tuberculosis, sickle cell anemia or Cooley's anemia, and a test for lead levels in the blood when the Board of Education, after consultation with the School Medical Advisor and the local health department, determines such tests are necessary.

A test for tuberculosis, as indicated above, is not mandatory, but should be performed if any of the following risk factors prevail:

1. birth in a high-risk country of the world (to include all countries in Africa, Asia, the former Soviet Union, Central and South America, Dominican Republic and Haiti);
2. travel to a high-risk country since the previously required examination;
3. extensive contact with persons who have recently come to the United States since the previously required examination;
4. contact with persons suspected to have tuberculosis;
5. have been incarcerated;
6. have been living in a homeless shelter; or
7. have HIV infection.

Health assessments completed within two calendar years (currently one year) of new school entry or grade 6 students will be accepted by the school system. Failure of students to satisfy the above-mentioned health assessment timeliness and/or requirements shall result in exclusion from school.

(*Note: As an alternative, health assessment could be held in grade 7. RHAM requires a physical completed between the end of grade 5 and the end of grade 7)

- 3) Parents or guardians of students being excluded from school due to failure to meet health assessment requirements shall be given a thirty-calendar day notice in writing, prior to any effective date of school exclusion. Failure to complete required health assessment components within this thirty day grace period shall result in school exclusion. This exclusion shall be verified, in writing, by the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee. Parents of excluded students may request an administrative hearing of a health assessment-related exclusion within five days of final exclusion notice. An administrative hearing shall be conducted and a decision rendered within fifteen calendar days after receipt of request. A subcommittee of the Board of Education shall conduct an administrative hearing and will consider written and/or oral testimony offered by parents and/or school officials.

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- 4) Health screenings shall be required for all students according to the following schedule:

Vision Screening	Grades K-6
Audiometric Screening	Grades K-3, 5
Postural Screening	Grades 5 & 6

The school system shall provide these 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 physician shall be required to report screening results to the school nurse.

(Health assessments may be conducted by a licensed physician, advanced practice registered nurse (APRN), registered nurse, physician's assistant, or by the School Medical Advisor.)

- 5) Parents of students failing to meet standards of screening, or deemed in need of further testing, shall be notified by the School Nurse.

Students eligible for free health assessments shall have them provided by the health services staff. Parents of these students choosing to have a health assessment conducted by medical personnel outside of the school system shall do so at no cost to the school system.

- 6) Health records shall be maintained in accordance with Policy #5125.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes
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 10-204a Required immunizations
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 10-205 Appointment of school medical adviser
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 Department of Public Health, Public Health Code, 10-204a-2a, 10-204a-3a and 10-204a-4
 20 U.S.C. Section 1232h, No Child Left Behind Act

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Health Records

There shall be a cumulative health record for each student enrolled in the District which will be maintained in the Nurse's office. Health records shall be granted the highest level of confidentiality and access to these records will be granted by the school administrator or school nurse. A listing of all professionals who have access to the record will be maintained in each child's health folder.

(cf. 6171 – Special Education Policy)

(cf. 5142 – Student Safety)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-209 Records not to be public.

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