

Regulation

HEALTH EXAMINATIONS AND IMMUNIZATIONS

Pupil Health Examinations

The school nurse will be responsible for the health assessment of pupils, which includes acquiring and maintaining a comprehensive health history and the use of screening instruments and techniques to see that all pupils are functioning at their optimum level.

- A. All pupils are weighed and measured each year;
- B. All pupils shall be given vision tests annually;
- C. Pupils are checked for pediculosis as needed;
- D. Audiometric testing is done annually for all students;
- E. Medical examinations are required for:
 - 1. Pre-entry into kindergarten;
 - 2. For all new entrants when a physical was not supplied from sending district;
 - 3. For exemptions from participation in physical education class.
- F. Mantoux.
 - 1. Teachers and employees are to be given the Mantoux tuberculin skin test in accordance with state regulations;
 - 2. Pupils are to be given the Mantoux tuberculin skin test in accordance with the current rules of the state department of education.

Immunizations

Immunization doses shall be in accordance with the provisions of chapter 14 New Jersey Sanitary Code.

A pupil may be admitted to school on a provisional basis if a physician or health department indicates that immunization of the pupil has already been initiated and that the pupil is in the process of complying with all immunization requirements. Such provisional admission shall be for a reasonable length of time consistent with the immunization schedule set forth in chapter 14, New Jersey Sanitary Code. A pupil shall not be required to have any immunizations which are medically contraindicated. A written statement from any physician licensed to practice medicine or osteopathy or any nurse practitioner/clinical nurse specialist in any jurisdiction in the United States that an immunization is medically contraindicated for a specified period of time, and the reasons for the medical contraindication, will exempt a pupil from the specific immunization requirements of this regulation for the period of time specified in the physician's statement as long as the exemption is based upon a valid medical contraindication as stated by the current report of the Committee on Infectious Diseases, American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), The Red Book or the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) statements. The physician's statement shall be maintained by the school as part of the immunization record of the pupil.

A pupil shall be exempted from mandatory immunization if the parents/guardians of the pupil objects thereto in a written statement, signed by the parents/guardians, upon the grounds that the proposed immunization interferes with the free exercise of the pupil's religious rights. The request must explain how the administration of immunizing agents conflicts with the pupil's exercise of religious tenets and practices. The statement will be

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kept by the school as part of the pupil's immunization record. The following documents will be accepted as evidence of a pupil's immunization history provided that the individual immunizations and the date of each immunization was administered is listed:

- A. An official school record from any school indicating compliance with the immunization requirements of this policy;
- B. A record from any public health department indicating compliance with the immunization requirements of this policy;
- C. A certificate signed by the physician licensed to practice medicine or osteopathy or nurse practitioner/clinical nurse specialist in any jurisdiction of the United States indicating compliance with the immunization requirements of this policy.

The chief school administrator (CSA) is authorized to refuse the enrollment and/or admission of any new pupil who:

- A. Cannot give evidence of having completed the immunization requirement of this policy; or
- B. Cannot give evidence of being in the process of complying with the immunization requirements of this policy; or
- C. Does not present the required medical statements when immunizations are medically contraindicated; or
- D. Does not present the required statement when the parents/guardians state that the proposed immunizations requirements interferes with the free exercise of the pupil's religious rights;

Pupils currently enrolled who have not complied with the immunizations requirements of this policy shall be excluded from school by the board of education. The board of education shall take legal action against the parents/guardians of excluded pupils in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:38-25, 26, 28, 31.

Parents/guardians of pupils who are new residents of the school district and do not comply with the provisions of this policy and Chapter 14, New Jersey State Sanitary Code, shall have legal action taken against them in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:38-27, 30-31.

Exemption

Parents/guardians who object to physical examinations or immunizations based upon religious grounds must state this in writing for the child to be exempted from this requirement. However, no child shall be exempt from an examination to determine:

- A. Whether he/she is ill or infected with a communicable disease;
- B. Is under the influence of a controlled dangerous substance;
- C. Whether he/she is physically fit to participate in any health, safety or physical education course required by law; and/or
- D. To determine proper placement if the child is handicapped.

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