

3160 PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

The Board of Education requires each newly employed teaching staff member undergo a physical examination. The physical examination shall include, but is not limited to, a health history to include past serious illnesses and injuries; current health problems; allergies; and a record of immunizations. The physical examination shall also include a health screening to include height and weight; blood pressure; pulse and respiratory rate; vision screening; hearing screening; and Mantoux test for tuberculosis.

A teaching staff member may provide health status information, including medications, which may be of value to medical personnel in the event of an emergency requiring treatment. The staff member may also choose to share with the Principal and, if desired, with the certified school nurse, information regarding current health status to assure ready access in a medical emergency. School employee physicals, examinations and/or annual medical updates do not require screening or disclosure of HIV status.

The physical examinations required by this policy shall be limited to those assessments or information necessary to determine the individual's physical and mental fitness to perform with reasonable accommodation in the position he/she seeks or currently holds and to detect any health risks to pupils or other employees.

Physical examinations required by this policy may be conducted by a physician or institution designated by the Board or, at the employee's election, by a physician or institution designated by the employee and approved by the Board. The cost of any such examination conducted by the physician or institution designated by the Board shall be borne by the Board. The cost of any such examination conducted by the physician or institution chosen by the employee and approved by the Board shall be borne by the employee.

All staff members' medical and health records, including computerized records, will be secured and will be stored and maintained separately from other personnel files. The information contained in medical records will be kept confidential. Only the staff member, the Superintendent, and the school medical inspector shall have access to medical information regarding an individual employee. The section of the medical record that contains the health history may be shared with the staff member's Building Principal and the school nurse with the consent of the staff member.

Additional individual psychiatric or physical examinations of any staff member may be required by the Board whenever, in the judgment of the Board, a staff member shows evidence of deviation from normal physical or mental health. Any additional individual examinations will be pursuant to the requirements of N.J.A.C. 6:3-4A.4. Additional examinations and/or certifications may be required to verify fitness in accordance with Policy No. 3161 or disability in accordance with Policy Nos. 3425 and 3435.

N.J.A.C. 6:3-4A.1 et seq.

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