

5310 HEALTH SERVICES

The Board of Education requires that all pupils enrolled in this district submit to physical examinations in accordance with law and rules of the State Board of Education and State Department of Health to ensure that the learning potential of each child is not diminished by a remediable physical disability and that the school community is protected from the spread of communicable disease.

The Board will appoint at least one school physician with assigned responsibilities as outlined in N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.1(a) through (d) and at least one full-time equivalent nurse with assigned responsibilities as outlined in N.J.A.C. 6A:16:2.1(e) and (f).

A pupil who presents a statement signed by his/her parent(s) or legal guardian(s) that required examinations interfere with the free exercise of his/her religious beliefs shall be examined only to the extent necessary to determine whether the pupil is ill or infected with a communicable disease or under the influence of a drug or is disabled or is fit to participate in any health, safety, or physical education course required by law.

The results of any physical examinations and screenings conducted by the school district physician and/or nursing staff shall be reported to the pupil's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) when any condition is identified that requires follow-up by a physician or family health provider.

The Superintendent shall instruct all teaching staff members to observe pupils continually for conditions that indicate a physical defect or disability and to report such conditions promptly to the school nurse.

Health Examinations

Every pupil shall be examined upon entry to school. The physical examination shall be conducted at the medical home of the pupil, and a full report must be sent to the school. If the pupil does not have a medical home, the district will provide the examination at the school physician's office or other appropriately equipped office. The examination will be documented on a form approved by the Commissioner of Education.

The school nurse will notify parents of the importance of obtaining subsequent medical examinations of the pupil at least one time during each developmental stage at early childhood (grades pre-school through grade three), pre-adolescence (grades four through six), but the district will specify grade 4.

If any deviations in health status are detected, the advanced practice nurse shall refer the pupil to the collaborating physician. An examination by a physician or advanced practice nurse other than the school physician shall be at no expense to the Board; the report of any such examination shall be given to the school physician on a form furnished by the Board.

Pupil health examinations shall include, in accordance with district regulations, immunizations; the pupil's health history; height, weight,

hearing, and vision screenings; and physical examination of the pupil's body. Pupil examinations/physicals and pupil athletic physicals shall not require screening or disclosure of HIV status.

Pupils referred for evaluation for eligibility for special education and/or related services shall be examined in accordance with Policy No. 2460 and Regulation No. 2460.7 and rules of the State Board of Education.

Pupils suspected of being under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or anabolic steroids shall be examined in accordance with Policy No. 5530 and rules of the State Board of Education.

Tuberculin Screening

Tuberculin screening shall be conducted as required by the State Department of Health.

Scoliosis Screening

Each pupil between the ages of ten and thirteen years shall be examined biannually for scoliosis by a school employee trained in scoliosis screening. A pupil shall be exempt from the examination on the written request of the parent(s) or legal guardian(s).

Audiometric Screening

Audiometric screening will be conducted for pupils enrolled in preschool programs; pupils enrolled in grades Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6.

Vision Screening

Vision screening will be administered to all entering pupils in grades Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and annually to all pupils, in accordance with the vision screening program developed in consultation with the school physician.

Health Records N.J.A.C. 6A:16-1.5 et seq.

Pupil health records shall be maintained in accordance with the requirements of 6A:16-1.5. Information in the pupil's health record will only be shared in accordance with the restrictions outlined in N.J.A.C. 6A:16-1.5(c). Access to a pupil's health record to licensed medical personnel will be limited only to the extent necessary to enable the licensed medical personnel to perform their duties.

Nursing Services to Nonpublic School Pupils

Nursing services to nonpublic school pupils will be provided pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:16-2.4 et seq.

- N.J.S.A. 18A:35-4.8; 18A:40-4 et seq. ;
18A:40-16 et seq.
- N.J.S.A. 44:6-2
- N.J.A.C. 6A:14-3.4 et seq.; 6A:16-1.1 et seq.;

6A:16-2.1 et seq.; 6A:16-2.4 et seq.
N.J.A.C. 8:52-7.1 et seq.

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