

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OF STUDENTS

A physical examination, health certificate or sports physical of a student may be required by the school physician at any time to promote the educational interests of students. The District will provide health certificates and sports physicals designed to determine the health status of students and athletes as required by statute and Commissioner's Regulations.

Health Certificates

A certificate of physical examination or District health certificate must be furnished for each student at the time of school entry, and for students entering Pre-K, Kindergarten and in 2nd, 4th, 7th and 10th grades. The certificate is valid if it is administered not more than 12 months prior to the commencement of the school year in which the examination is required. This certificate must be provided within 30 days from the date of the student's entry into our School District. If the certificate is not presented within 30 days, the principal shall send a notice to the parent(s) or guardian of the student advising that if the certificate is not furnished within 30 days from the date of such notice, the school will provide a health certificate of the student. The health certificates referenced above shall not be required where a student or the parent or legal guardian to the student objects, in writing, on the grounds that the examinations conflict with their genuine and sincere religious beliefs.

Vision and Hearing Screenings will be administered to all students who enroll in school within six months of admission to the school and in grades 1, 2, 3, 5, 7 and 10 and at any other time deemed necessary. (Amendments to the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education 9-25-05).

Sports Physicals

A student who may engage in interscholastic competition shall receive an adequate health examination and health history update when required, and may not practice or participate without the approval of the school physician. Sports physicals may be scheduled at any time during the school year and shall be valid for a period of twelve continuous months. Unless the sports physical is conducted within 30 days of the start of a season, a health history update is required. Any student whose safe participation is in question as a result of the health history interview, or injury, or prolonged absence must be re-qualified by the school physician prior to participation.

Ref: Education Law Section 903
Commissioner's Regulations Section 136.3(b)(1)

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