

HEALTH EXAMINATIONS

The Board of Education requires that pupils enrolled in this district submit to physical examinations in accordance with law in order 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.

Each pupil entering school for the first time and each pupil who transfers to this district must have a physical examination conducted at the medical home of the student, and a full report sent to the school. If a student does not have a medical home, the district shall provide this examination at the school physician's office or other appropriately equipped facility. "Medical home" means a health care provider and that provider's practice site chosen by the student's parent/guardian for the provision of health care. As the school physician is also a health care provider, the parent/guardian may request that the school physician provide the medical examination. Each candidate for an interscholastic intra-murals athletic squad or team shall submit to a physical examination by the school medical inspector or designated team physician as required by Policy 6145.1.

A pupil shall be exempted from mandatory immunization if the parent/guardian objects to immunization in a written statement submitted to the principal, signed by the parent/guardian, explaining how the administration of immunizing agents conflicts with the pupil's exercise of bona fide religious tenets or practices. General philosophical or moral objection to immunization shall not be sufficient for an exemption on religious grounds.

Every pupil who enters the district schools for the first time shall present an immunization record as required by law.

In order to protect the health of the children and staff in district schools, all regulations of the state department of education, the state department of health and the local board of health shall be scrupulously observed, particularly those dealing with contagious/infectious diseases or conditions. Pupils seeking to enter school who have been identified as having a communicable/infectious disease or condition shall not be enrolled unless they qualify under the above agencies' rules pertaining to periods of incubation, communicability, quarantine and reporting.

A Mantoux Tuberculin Test shall be conducted for the following two groups of students; those entering a school system in the United States for the first time, if born in a high TB incidence country (listed on page 3 of the guidance), and those transferring to the New Jersey school system directly from a high TB incidence country (listed on page 3 of the guidance). All other students are exempt from tuberculin skin testing as a requirement for school entry in New Jersey. Each pupil between the ages of ten and eighteen years shall be examined bi-annually for scoliosis by a school employee trained in scoliosis screening in accordance with regulations promulgated by the State Department of Health and State Department of Education. If a student is suspected of having scoliosis, the Board shall notify the parent or guardian and shall advise him/her of the significance of treating the disease at an early state and the public services available for such treatment.

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Audiometric screening shall be conducted for pupils who are:

1. Enrolled in grades kindergarten through 4;
2. Enrolled in grades 6, 8 and 9 or 10;
3. Entering the district with no recent record of hearing screening;
4. At risk for hearing impairment;
5. Referred to the child study team for evaluation; or
6. Referred for screening by a teacher, a parent or at the pupil's own request.

The hearing screening shall be conducted by the school medical examiner, certified school nurse or health care personnel in accordance with the regulations promulgated by the State Department of Education. All screening shall be conducted in cooperation with the school nurse. The school nurse shall notify the parent or guardian in writing if his/her child has failed auditory screening and advise him/her about the necessity for procuring additional evaluation by the family's own physician.

If the school medical inspector determines that the health examination should include the loosening, opening or removal of the pupil's clothing above the waist, the pupil's parent or guardian must be notified in writing of such proposed examination and in such notice the presence of one of the parents or guardians shall be requested. The notice shall state that in the absence of a parent or guardian there shall be present a nurse or teacher of the same sex if the pupil is a female and that if the parent or guardian objects to such an examination, then the parent or guardian may file a report of the family physician upon the condition for which such examination was deemed advisable by the school medical inspector.

A pupil who presents a statement signed by his or her parent or guardian that a medical examination interferes with the free exercise of his or 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 to determine fitness to participate in a health, safety, or physical education course required by law.

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

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Legal References: <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:35-4.6 through -4.8	Parents Right to Conscience Act of 1979
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:40-4	Examination for physical defects and screening of hearing of pupils; health records
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:40-4.3	Scoliosis; periodic examination; notice to parents or guardian
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:40-4.4	Exemption
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:40-4.5	Immunity from action of any kind due to provisions of act
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:40-5	Method of examination; notice to parent or guardian
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:40-6	In general
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:40-11	Exclusion of pupils having communicable tuberculosis
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:40-16 through -19	Tuberculosis infection; determination of presence ...
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:40-20	Immunization at public expense
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:61D-8 through -10	Findings, declarations relative to Hepatitis B vaccinations....
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 26:1A-9.1	Exemption of pupils from mandatory immunizations
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 26:4-6	Prohibiting attendance of teachers or pupils
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 26:2T-5 through -9	Findings, declarations relative to Hepatitis C
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:14-3.4	Evaluation
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:16-1.1et seq.	Programs to Support Student Development
See particularly: <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:16-1.3, -1.4, -2.1, -2.2, -2.3, -2.4, -4.1, -4.3	
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:32-9.1	Athletics Procedures
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:57-2	Reporting of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome and infection with Human Immunodeficiency Virus
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:57-4.1	Applicability
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:57-4.2	Proof of immunization
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:57-4.3	Medical exemptions
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:57-4.4	Religious exemptions
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:57-4.5	Provisional admission
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:57-4.6	Documents accepted as evidence of

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	immunization
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:57-4.7	Records required
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:57-4.8	Reports to be sent to the State Department of Health
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:57-4.9	Records available for inspection
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:57-4.10	Diphtheria and tetanus toxoids and pertussis vaccine
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:57-4.11	Poliovirus vaccine
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:57-4.12	Measles virus vaccine
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:57-4.13	Rubella vaccine
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:57-4.14	Mumps vaccine
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:57-4.15	Haemophilus influenza type b (Hib) conjugate vaccine
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:57-4.16	Hepatitis B virus vaccine
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:57-4.17	Varicella virus vaccine
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:57-4.18	Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:57-4.19	Influenza vaccine
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:57-4.20	Meningococcal vaccine
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:57-4.21	Providing immunization
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:57-4.22	Emergency power of the Commissioner, Department of Health and Senior Services
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:61-2.1	Attendance at school by pupils or adults infected by Human Immuno-deficiency Virus (HIV)

Plainfield Board of Education v. Cooperman, 105 NJ 587 (1987)

No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, Pub. L. 107-110, 20 U.S.C.A. 6301 et seq.