

Health Assessments and Immunizations

The Board of Education recognizes the importance of periodic health assessments according to state health regulations.

To determine health status of students, facilitate the removal of disabilities to learning and find whether some special adaptation of the school program may be necessary, the Board of Education requires that students have health assessments.

The Board of Education adheres to those state laws and regulations that pertain to school immunizations and health assessments. It is the policy of the Board of Education to insure that all enrolled students are adequately immunized against communicable diseases. The district will deny continued attendance in school to any student who fails to obtain health assessments required under C.G.S. 10-206, as may be periodically amended.

Consistent with *The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act*: "If a homeless student is unable to produce medical records and needs to obtain immunizations, or immunization records/medical records, the enrolling school shall immediately refer the parent or guardian of the student to the local educational agency liaison, who shall assist in obtaining necessary immunizations, or immunization or medical records."

Parents wishing their children exempted or excused from health assessments must request such exemption to the Superintendent of Schools in writing. This request must be signed by the parent/guardian.

It is the responsibility of the Principal to insure that each student enrolled has been adequately immunized and has fulfilled the required health assessments. The school nurse shall check and document immunizations and health assessments on all students enrolling in school and to report the status to the school principal. The school nurse shall also contact parents or guardians to make them aware if immunizations and/or health assessments are insufficient or not up-to-date. The school nurse will maintain in good order the immunization and health assessment records of each student enrolled.

No record of any student's medical assessment may be open to the public.

As required the District will annually report to the Department of Public Health and to the local health director the asthma data, pertaining to the total number of students for the district. Such required asthma diagnosis shall occur at the time of mandated health assessment at the time of enrollment, in grade six, and in grade 10. The District, as required will also participate in annual school surveys conducted by the Department of Public Health pertaining to asthma.

Legal Reference: McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11431 et seq.)
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