

Student Health Services**School District Medical Advisor:**

The Board of Education shall appoint a school district medical advisor and appropriate medical support service personnel including nurses.

School health personnel shall be directed toward detection and prevention of health problems and to emergency treatment, including the following student health services:

1. Appraising the health status of student and school personnel;
2. Counseling students, parents, and others concerning the findings of health examinations;
3. Encouraging correction of defects;
4. Helping prevent and control disease;
5. Providing emergency care for student injury and sudden illness;
6. Maintaining school health records.

Health Records:

There shall be a health record for each student enrolled in the school district which will be maintained in the school nurse's room. For the purposes of confidentiality, records will be treated in the same manner as the student's cumulative academic record.

Student health records are covered by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and are exempt from the Health Insurance Portability Accountability Act (HIPAA) privacy rule. However, it is recognized that obtaining medical information from health care providers will require schools to have proper authorization and to inform parents that such information once released by health care providers is no longer protected under HIPAA but is covered under FERPA.

Health Screenings:

The Wallingford Board of Education recognizes the critical importance of adequate health screenings to the ability to learn. The Board adheres to the state department of public health guidelines regarding the provision of routine screening. Therefore, health screening shall be required for all students according to the following schedule.

Vision Screening Grades K, 1,3,4,5

Hearing Screening Grades K, 1,3,4,5

Postural Screening female students grades 5 and 7, male students grade 9

The school system shall provide these screening to students at no cost to parents. Parents shall be provided annual written notification of the screenings to be conducted.

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Health Screenings (continued):

Parents wishing to have these screenings to be conducted by their private physician are required to notify the school nurse and report the screening results.

Parents of students failing to meet standards of screening or deemed in need of further testing shall be notified by the school nurse.

Parents of students who did not receive the screenings will be notified by the school nurse and provided a brief explanation of why they did not receive the screening.

All screening shall be performed by trained personnel under appropriate supervision and in accordance with the regulations of this policy approved by the School Medical Advisor.

All results of all screenings shall be included in the student's permanent school medical record.

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