

**School Physical Examinations and Immunizations****I. PHYSICAL EXAMINATION**

- A. Each student must have a complete physical examination including hematocrit, urinalysis, vision and hearing screening, scoliosis screening, height and weight, pulse and blood pressure measurements before entering the prekindergarten program as well as before the start of kindergarten. These examinations must occur between January 1 and the program's start in the year the child enters the program. Students must also have complete physical examinations in the period between July 1 and June 1 of their 6th grade year, and in the period of July 1 and June 1 of their 10th grade year.
- B. A standard State of Connecticut School Physical Form shall be completed by the student's parent(s) or guardian(s) and the student's physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner and shall be submitted to the nurse at the student's school prior to the start of kindergarten or by June 1 of either the 6th or 10th grade year. Failure to do so will prevent the student from entering kindergarten or advancing to the next grade.
- C. The school medical advisor may require a tuberculosis test as part of the physical examination for students in high risk situations.
- D. The physical exams will be carried out by the student's primary care physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner. If the student's family cannot afford an exam by a private physician, the student's family may request a physical exam from the school physician. In order to determine eligibility, all requests for physical examinations by the school physician are to be made to the principal of the student's school. If approved, the principal will notify the office of the Assistant Superintendent for Personnel who, in turn, will notify the school physician of the student's eligibility.

**II. IMMUNIZATIONS:** Before a physical exam form can be considered complete and the terms of this policy met, the child's immunizations must also be up-to-date according to state regulations as follows:

- A. An initial series of four (4) doses of Diphtheria, Pertussis, and Tetanus (DPT). (Diphtheria Tetanus Acellular Pertussis [DTAP] is an acceptable vaccine in place of DTP.) The last dose must have been given on or after the 4th birthday.
- B. A minimum of three doses of Trivalent Oral Polio Vaccine (TOPV). The last dose must have been given on or after the 4th birthday.
- C. Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) at twelve (12) months of age or older.
- D. Three (3) doses of Hepatitis B vaccine (HBV) or confirmed blood test for any student born after January 1, 1994.
- E. Hemophilus Influenza Type B (HIB) Vaccine given at twelve (12) months of age or older for those children who enter school prior to their 5th birthday.
- F. Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR), second dose, prior to entering 7th grade.

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- III. EXEMPTIONS:** Under one or more of the following circumstances, a child may be exempted from a required immunization:
- A. A physician or local health agency certifies that initial immunizations have been given to the child and additional immunizations are in process under guidelines and schedules specified by the commissioner of health services.
  - B. The parents or guardians complete the district exemption form (available from the school nurse) in which they declare that such vaccination would be medically contraindicated and attach to the form a statement from a physician attesting that such immunization would not be prudent due to a specific physical condition of the child.
  - C. The parents or guardians complete the district exemption form (available from the school nurse) in which they declare that such immunization would be contrary to the religious beliefs of the child.
  - D. In the case of measles, mumps, or rubella, a physician or town director of health certifies that the child has had a confirmed case of the disease.
  - E. In the case of pertussis, the child has passed his/her sixth birthday at the time of admission.

**Legal References:** Connecticut General Statutes:

- 10-204. Vaccination
- 10-204a. Required Immunizations
- 10-206. Health assessments
- 10-206a. Free health assessments
- 10-208. Exemption from examination or treatment

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