

Health Examinations

The Board of Education requires that all pupils enrolled in this district submit to physical examinations in accordance with law and rules of the State Board of Education and State Department of Health to insure 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.

A pupil who presents a statement signed by his or her parent or legal guardian that required examinations interfere 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 under the influence of a drug or is disabled or is fit to participate in any health, safety, or physical education course required by law.

The results of physical examinations and screenings shall be reported to the pupil's parent or legal guardian when any condition is identified that requires follow-up by a physician or family health provider.

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

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An examination to determine the presence of physical defect shall be conducted annually for pupils in grades 4 and 8 by the school medical inspector or the school nurse or licensed medical and health care personnel under the immediate direction of the medical inspector. In lieu of the examination by the school medical inspector or the school nurse or licensed medical and health care personnel under the immediate direction of the medical inspector, the medical inspector may accept the report of such an examination by a physician licensed to practice medicine and surgery within the State or by a nurse practitioner/clinical nurse specialist certified by the New Jersey Board of Nursing

working in collaboration with a physician licensed to practice medicine and surgery within the State at the option of the parent or legal guardian. If any deviations in health status are detected, the nurse practitioner/clinical nurse specialist shall refer the pupil to the collaborating physician. An examination by a physician or nurse practitioner/clinical nurse other than the medical inspector shall be at no expense to the Board; the report of any such examination shall be given to the school medical inspector on a form furnished by the Board.

Pupil health examinations shall include, in accordance with district regulations, immunizations; the pupil's health history; height, weight, hearing, and vision screenings; and physical examination of the pupil's body. Pupil examinations/physicals and pupil athletic physicals shall not require screening or disclosure of HIV status.

Each candidate for a place on a school athletic squad or team shall submit to a medical examination conducted by the school medical inspector prior to the first practice session in accordance with Policy No. 217 and rules of the State Board of Education.

Pupils referred for evaluation for eligibility for special education and/or related services shall be examined in accordance with Policy No. 210 and rules of the State Board of Education.

Pupils suspected of being under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or anabolic steroids shall be examined in accordance with Policy No. 524 and rules of the State Board of Education.

Tuberculin Screening

Tuberculin screening shall be conducted as required by the State Department of Health.

Scoliosis Screening

In compliance with New Jersey State Board of Education amendments to N.J.A.C. 6A: 16-2.2, annual scoliosis (curvature of the spine) examinations will be performed for students in grades 5, 7, 9, and 11 by a school employee trained in scoliosis screening. A pupil shall be exempt from the examination on the written request of the parent of legal guardian.

Audiometric Screening

Audiometric screening will be conducted for pupils enrolled in preschool programs; pupils enrolled in grades kindergarten, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, and 10; pupils entering the district with no recent record of hearing screening; pupils at risk for hearing impairments; and pupils referred for screening by a teacher or parent or legal guardian, or at the pupil's request.

Pupils are at risk for hearing impairments if they have communication disorders, cleft palate, allergies, frequent upper respiratory or middle ear infections; take ototoxic medication; or are exposed to sudden or continuous loud noises.

Vision Screening

Vision screening will be administered to all entering pupils and annually for pupils enrolled in preschool programs; pupils enrolled in grades kindergarten, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, and 10; pupils entering the district with no recent record of vision screening; pupils at risk for vision impairments; for pupils referred for screening by a teacher or parent or legal guardian, or at the pupil's request.

N.J.S.A.	18:A: 35-4.8; 18A: 40-4 et seq.; 18A: 40-16 et seq.
N.J.S.A.	44:6-2
N.J.A.C.	6:28-3.4 (d); 6:29-2.1 et seq.; 6:29-3.4; 6:29-4.1; 6:29-5.1 et seq.; 6:29-6.5
N.J.A.C.	8:52-7.1 et. seq.
N.J.A.C.	6A:16-2.2

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