

8511 PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS AND IMMUNIZATIONS FOR STUDENTS

Physical examinations & immunizations

Students enrolling in kindergarten (or the beginning grade), students entering the seventh grade, or students transferring to any grade in the district from out of state shall have a physical examination by a licensed physician within six months prior to entrance and provide proof of such an examination to the school district. Students, ages 2 through 5 entering preschool, are also required to have the Haemophilus Influenza B (HIB) and pneumococcal vaccines.

A certificate of health stating the results of a physical examination and signed by a physician, physician assistant, or an advance practice registered nurse shall be on file at the attendance center.

Students enrolling in the school district shall also submit proof of immunization against measles, mumps, rubella, poliomyelitis, diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, hepatitis B, and chicken pox (varicella) as required by law. The student may be admitted conditionally to the attendance center if the student has not yet completed the immunization process but is in the process of doing so. Failure to meet the immunization requirement will be grounds for suspension, expulsion or denial of admission.

The superintendent, or designee, shall annually file a report on behalf of the board on the schedule required by the Department of Health and Human Services summarizing the immunization status of the district's students as required.

Visual evaluation

Students enrolling in kindergarten (or the beginning grade) or students transferring to any grade in the district from out of state shall also have a visual examination, including tests for amblyopia, strabismus, and internal and external eye health, and visual acuity. The visual evaluation must be completed within six months prior to entrance and proof of such evaluation shall be provided to the school district.

A certificate of health, or other form, stating the results of the visual evaluation and signed by a physician, optometrist, physician assistant, or advance practice registered nurse shall be on file at the attendance center.

Notifications to parents

The student's parent or guardian shall be notified in writing of their right to submit a written statement refusing such physical or visual examinations or immunizations for the student and shall be provided with a telephone number or other contact information to assist the parent or guardian in receiving information regarding free or reduced-cost visual evaluations for low-income families who qualify. (Forms 8511.1 or 8511.2)

No child shall be required to submit to a health inspection, including those provided by the district if the child's parent/guardian provides the district with a statement signed by a physician, a physician assistant, or an advanced practice registered nurse practicing in accordance with statutes stating that the child has undergone the required inspection within the past six months. If such a statement is not received, the child shall submit to required inspections.

Parents will be promptly notified of any condition requiring professional attention.

