

Administrative Regulation

Student Health Examinations/Screenings

A. Vision and Hearing Tests

Students shall have their vision and hearing tested by qualified personnel authorized by the district.

All Students shall be tested for visual acuity when they first enroll in elementary school and every three years thereafter until the student completes grade 8. The school nurse and the classroom teacher shall make external observations of the student's eyes, visual performance, and perception.

For male students, color vision shall be tested one time, after the student reaches grade 1. Results of the test shall be entered into the student's health record.

Evaluation of a student's vision may be waived at the parent/guardian's request if the parent/guardian presents a certificate from either a medical doctor or an optometrist specifying the results of an examination of the student's vision including visual acuity and, in male students, color vision.

Visual defects or any other defects found as a result of the vision examination shall be reported to the parent/guardian with a request that remedial action be taken to correct or cure the defect. If made in writing, such reports shall not include a referral to any private practitioner, and the report of a visual defect shall be made on a form prescribed by the state Department of Education.

The student may be referred to a public clinic or diagnostic and treatment center operated by a public hospital or by the state, county, or city department of public health.

B. Scoliosis Screening

Each female student in grade 7 and each male student in grade 8 shall be screened for scoliosis. This screening shall comply with state Department of Education standards and shall be performed by qualified personnel as specified in the law.

The parent/guardian of any student suspected of having scoliosis shall receive a notice that includes an explanation of scoliosis and describes the significance of treatment at an early age. This notice shall also describe the public services available for treatment and include a referral to appropriate community resources.

C. Withholding Consent to Physical Examinations

A parent/guardian may annually file a written statement with the principal withholding consent to the physical examination of the child. The child shall be exempt from any physical examination but shall be subject to exclusion from attendance when contagious or infectious disease is reasonably suspected.

D. Non-Emergency, Invasive Physical Examination

No student shall be subject to a non-emergency, invasive physical examination as a condition for school attendance.

Non-emergency, invasive physical examination is defined by federal law as any medical examination that involves the exposure of private body parts or any act during such examination that includes incision, insertion or injection into the body, but does not include a properly authorized hearing, vision, or scoliosis screening.

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