

## PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS OF STUDENTS

New Hampshire state law requires that each child have a complete physical examination within a one-year period before entry first to school.

However, no medical examination shall be required of a child whose parent or guardian objects thereto in writing on the grounds such medical examination is contrary to his/her religious tenets and teachings.

Physical examinations will be required for all children in grade K (prior to entry) and in grades 4, 7, and 10. Parents of students transferring to the District must present proof of meeting the physical examination requirement within sixty days of entrance. Failure to comply with this provision may result in exclusion from school for the child.

Every child must meet all of the state statues and state public health immunization requirements prior to enrolling in school. A child shall be exempted from the above immunization requirements if he/she presents evidence from his/her medical doctor that immunization will be detrimental to his/her health. A child shall be excused from immunization for religious reasons upon the signing of a notarized form by the parent/guardian stating that the child has not been immunized because of religious beliefs.

A student must pass an annual physical examination to be eligible for participation in athletics for that school year. A physician's statement certifying that the student has passed an adequate physical examination and in his/her opinion is fully able to participate in athletics must be on record in the school. Any injured student excused from athletic practice for three or more days while under a physician's care must provide written authorization from a physician to the coach to resume practice.

No child shall be excused from regular physical education except on the written notice of a duly licensed physician or on the written request of the parents, subject to Board approval, in which case an alternative program shall be provided. Temporary excuses on a day-to-day basis may be granted by the teacher upon the request of the parents.

### **Parent Notification – Certain Circumstances**

If the District utilizes federal money to perform physical exams or screenings on students, the District will annually notify parent(s) of such physical exam or screening, except for vision, hearing or scoliosis.

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