

HEALTH EXAMINATIONS AND IMMUNIZATIONS

Pupils who enter the district schools for the first time shall present a certificate from a licensed physician to attest to their physical condition. Documentation of physical condition must be presented to the District within 30 days. If it is not received within 30 days, the student will be excluded from school until documentation of the physical condition is provided. If documentation of an appointment scheduled after the 30 day requirement is provided, the school nurse may grant provisional admittance until the required documentation is received after the scheduled appointment. At the parent/guardian's request, the school physician may conduct an examination and sign the certificate. A parent/guardian who because of religious convictions does not wish his/her child to be examined must state this in writing. Documentation of the physical condition must be presented to the District within 30 days.

Every pupil who enters the district schools transferring from an out of state school or that is enrolling in school for the first time shall present an immunization record as required by law. Documentation of past immunization must be presented to the District within 30 days. If not received within the 30 days, the student can be granted provisional admittance for not more than one year if the school nurse can (1) verify that the student has received at least one dose of each age appropriate vaccine(s) or antigen(s) and (2) that the student is in the process of receiving the remaining immunizations. If the student does not complete the required immunizations by the end of the provisional admittance or if the above cannot be verified, then the student will be excluded from school. At the parent/guardian's request, these immunizations may be administered by the school physician. NOTE: THIS IS PERMISSIVE, NOT REQUIRED.

In order to protect the health of the children and staff in district schools, all regulations of the state department of education, the state department of health and the local board of health shall be scrupulously observed, particularly those dealing with contagious/infectious diseases or conditions. Pupils seeking to enter school who have been identified as having a communicable/infectious disease or condition shall not be enrolled unless they qualify under the above agencies' rules pertaining to periods of incubation, communicability, quarantine and reporting.

The chief school administrator shall formulate regulations for this policy and for regular pupil health examinations at appropriate grade levels; before participation in sports programs; and for tuberculosis, scoliosis, hearing loss, visual acuity and any other physical examinations required by law. Any health defects revealed by any examination given by the school health services must be reported to the parent/guardian. The board shall review the regulations and adopt those required by law.

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Legal References:

<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:40-4	Examination for physical defects and screening of hearing of pupils; health records
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:35-4.6 through -4.8	Parents Right to Conscience Act of 1979
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:40-4.3	Scoliosis; annual examination; notice to parents or guardian
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:40-4.4	Exemption
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:40-4.5	Immunity from action of any kind due to provisions of act
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:40-5	Method of examination; notice to parent or guardian
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:40-6	In general
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:40-11	Exclusion of pupils having communicable tuberculosis
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:40-16 through -19	Tuberculosis infection; determination of presence ...
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:40-20	Immunization at public expense
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 26:1A-9.1	Exemption of pupils from mandatory immunizations
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 26:4-6	Prohibiting attendance of teachers or pupils
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6:28-3.4(d)1	Evaluation
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6:29-1.1 <u>et seq.</u>	Health, safety and physical education
<u>See particularly:</u>	
<u>N.J.A.C.</u>	6:29-1.2(a)1,-1.2(b)1i, 1ii, 1iii, -1.4(a), (c),-2.1, -2.2, -2.3,-2.4, -3.4(d), (e),(f), -5.2(a),-6.3(c)4i, -6.5
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:57-2	Reporting of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome and infection with Human Immunodeficiency Virus
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:57-4.1	Applicability
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:57-4.2	Proof of immunization
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:57-4.3	Medical exemptions
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:57-4.4	Religious exemptions
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:57-4.5	Provisional admission
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:57-4.6	Documents accepted as evidence of immunization
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:57-4.7	Records required
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:57-4.8	Reports to be sent to the State Department of Health
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:57-4.9	Records available for inspection
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:57-4.10	Diphtheria and tetanus toxoids and pertussis vaccine
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:57-4.11	Poliovirus vaccine
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:57-4.12	Measles virus vaccine
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:57-4.13	Rubella vaccine
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:57-4.14	Mumps vaccine
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:57-4.15	Haemophilus influenza type b (Hib) conjugate vaccine
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:57-4.16	Providing immunization
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:57-4.17	Emergency powers of the State Commissioner of Health
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:61-1.1	Attendance at school by pupils or adults infected by Human Immuno-deficiency Virus (HIV)
	<u>Plainfield Board of Education v. Cooperman</u> , 105 NJ 587 (1987)

Cross References:

1410	Local units
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5111	Admission
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5131.6	Drugs, alcohol, tobacco (substance abuse)
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