

Students

Health Assessments and Immunizations

The Board of Education recognizes the importance of periodic health assessments according to state health regulations.

To determine health status of students, facilitate the removal of barriers to learning and find whether some special adaptation of the school program may be necessary, the Board of Education requires that students have health assessments.

The Board of Education adheres to those state laws and regulations that pertain to school immunizations and health assessments. It is the policy of the Board of Education to insure that all enrolled students are adequately immunized against communicable diseases. The Board may deny continued attendance in school to any student who fails to obtain the health assessments required under Conn. Gen. Stat. § 10-206.

Parents wishing their children exempted or excused from health assessments must request such exemption to the Superintendent of Schools in writing. This request must be signed by the parent/guardian. Students may be exempt from immunization requirements only in accordance with state law. In order to be eligible for an exemption on religious grounds, a student must, on or before April 28, 2021, (1) be enrolled in school in Grades K-12 and (2) must have submitted a valid religious exemption before that date. Exemption statements presented for the first time on or after April 28, 2021, are not legally valid bases for excusal from statutory immunization requirements on religious grounds.

It is the responsibility of the Principal to ensure that each student enrolled has been adequately immunized and has fulfilled the required health assessments. The school nurse shall check and document immunizations and health assessments on all students enrolling in school and to report the status to the school principal. The school nurse shall also contact parents or guardians to make them aware if immunizations and/or health assessments are insufficient or not up-to-date. The school nurse will maintain in good order the immunization and health assessment records of each student enrolled.

No record of any student's medical assessment may be open to the public.

(cf. 5111 - Admission)

(cf. 5141.31 - Physical Examinations for School Programs (cf. 5125 - Student Records)

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Legal References: Connecticut General Statutes
10-204a Required immunizations. Temporary waiver
10-204c Immunity from liability
10-205 Appointment of school medical advisers
10-206 Health assessments
10-206a Free health assessments
10-207 Duties of Medical Advisors
10-208 Exemption from examination or treatment
10-208a Physical activity of student restricted; Board to honor notice
10-209 Records not to be public. Provision of reports to schools.
10-212 School nurses and nurse practitioners.
10-214 Vision, audiometric and postural screenings. When required.
Notification of parents re defects; record of results.

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