

Weakley County Board of Education

Descriptor Code:
6.402

Physical Examinations and Immunizations

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PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS

The principal shall ensure that there is a complete physical examination of each student prior to:

1. Entering school for the first time. This applies to kindergarten, first grade and other students for whom there is no health record;¹ and
2. Participation as a member of any athletic team or in any other strenuous physical activity program.²

Cost of the examination shall be borne by the parent or guardian of the student. These records shall be on file in the principal's office.³

Screening tests for vision, hearing, scoliosis, blood pressure, Body Mass Index (BMI), and lice will be conducted. Parents/Guardians will receive written notice of any screening result that indicates a condition that might interfere or tend to interfere with a student's progress.

In general, the school district will not conduct physical examinations of a student without passive parental consent to do so or by court order, unless the health or safety of the student or others is in question.⁴

IMMUNIZATIONS

No students entering school, including those entering kindergarten or first grade, those from out-of-state and those from nonpublic schools, will be permitted to enroll (or attend) without proof of immunization, as determined by the Commissioner of Public Health.^{1,5} It is the responsibility of the parents or guardians to have their children immunized and to provide such proof to the principal of the school which the student is to attend.⁴

Exceptions, in the absence of an epidemic or immediate threat thereof, will be granted to any child whose parent or guardian shall file with school authorities a signed, written statement that such measures conflict with his/her religious tenets and practices; or due to medical reasons if such child has a written statement from his/her doctor excusing him from such immunization.⁶

Proof of exceptions will be in writing and filed in the same manner as other immunization records.

Legal References:

1. TRR/MS 0520-1-3-.08(2) (a); TCA 49-6-5004(a)
2. TRR/MS 0520-1-3-.08(2) (b)
3. TCA 49-6-5001(b) (1)
4. P.L. 107-110 Part F § 1061 (1) (D); (2) (B) & (4) (B)
5. TCA 49-6-5001(a)
6. TCA 49-6-5001(b) (2)