

### Health Assessments

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

**The Board shall annually designate a representative to receive reports of health assessments and immunizations from health care professions.**

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

The Board of Education adheres to those state laws that pertain to school immunizations and health assessments. The Board may deny continues attendance in school to any student who fails to obtain the health assessments required under C.G.S. 10-206.

Parents wishing their children exempted or excused from health assessments may request such exemption to the Superintendent of Schools in writing. This request must be signed by the parent or guardian and, if for medical reasons, by a physician.

**Student health records are covered by the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and are exempt from the Health Insurance Portability Accountability Act (HIPAA) privacy rule. However, it is recognized that obtaining medical information from health care providers will require schools to have proper authorization and to inform parents that such information once released by health care providers is no longer protected under HIPAA but is covered under FERPA.**

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

School health personnel will screen the hearing of children in kindergarten through third grade and grades five and eight. Student failing screening will, in addition, be tested by a speech and hearing clinician.

Vision screening is conducted by pathologist/school health personnel, or other trained personnel, each fall of the new school year in grades pre-k through four, five, eight and nine.

Physical examinations are required of all sixth and tenth grade students.

Policy References: 5131.31, Vaccinations

Legal References: Connecticut General Statutes

- 10-204a Required immunizations
- 10-204c Immunity from liability
- 10-206 Health assessments
- 10-206a Free health assessment
- 10-208 Exemption from examination or treatment
- 10-208a Physical activity of student restricted; boards to honor notice
- 10-205 Records not to be public
- 10-212 School nurses (**as amended by P.A. 03-211**)
- 10-213 Vision, audiometric and postural screenings

**Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (section 438 of the General Education Provisions Act, as amended by section 513 of P.L. 93-568, codified at 20 U.S.C. 1232g).**

**42 U.S.C. 1320d-1320d-8, P.L. 104-191, Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA)**

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