

Physical Examinations and Immunizations

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Each student shall have on file a completed health examination prior to:

1. Entering school for the first time. This applies to Pre-K, kindergarten, first grade and other students for whom there is no health record;¹ and
2. Participation as a member of any athletic team.²

Cost of the examination shall be borne by the parent or guardian of the student. These records shall be on file in the school in an area designated by the principal.³

Screening tests for vision, hearing, scoliosis 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 parental consent to do so or by court order, unless the health or safety of the student or others is in question.


IMMUNIZATIONS

No students entering school, including those entering preschool, 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.⁴ 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.⁵

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 religious tenets and practices; or due to medical reasons if such child has a written statement from his doctor excusing him from such immunization.⁵

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

A list of transfer students shall be kept at each school throughout the school year in order that their records can be monitored by the Department of Health and Environment.

Legal Reference:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. TRR/MS 0520-1-3-.08(2)(a) 2. TRR/MS 0520-1-3-.08(2)(b) 3. P.L. 107-110 Part F Section 1061 (1)(D); (2)(B) & (4)(B) 	
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	4. TCA 49-6-5001(a); TRR/MS 0520-1-3-.08(2)(a) 5. TCA 49-6-5001(b)	
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