

Board Policy

Students

BP 5141.3

Health Examinations

The Governing Board recognizes that periodic health examinations of students may lead to the detection and treatment of conditions that impact learning. Health examinations also may help in determining whether special adaptations of the school program are necessary.

In addition to verifying that students have complied with legal requirements for health examinations and immunizations before enrolling in school, the district shall administer tests for vision, hearing and scoliosis as required by law.

(cf. 5141.26 - Tuberculosis Testing)

(cf. 5141.31 - Immunizations)

(cf. 5141.32 - Child Health and Disability Prevention Program)

(cf. 5141.6 - Student Health and Social Services)

***Note: The California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) requires students in grades 9 through 12 to undergo medical examinations before participating in interscholastic competition; see 6145.2 - Athletic Competition. No similar requirements exist in state law for students in lower grades. The following optional paragraph is offered for districts requiring medical examinations for all students participating in organized competitive sports, cheerleading and song leading. ***

All students who participate as cheerleaders, song leaders, or athletes in organized competitive sports shall first undergo and file with the district a current medical examination. Upon sustaining an injury or serious illness, a student may be required to have another examination before participating further. This requirement does not apply to participants in occasional play day or field day activities.

(cf. 5143 - Insurance)

(cf. 6145.2 - Athletic Competition)

***Note: Education Code 49450 mandates the Board to make rules that ensure proper care and confidentiality in connection with student physical examinations. ***

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that staff employed to examine students exercise proper care of each student and that examination results are kept confidential. Records related to these examinations shall be available only in accordance with law.

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

***Note: Pursuant to Education Code 49457, the Board may require occasional reports on the number of students found to have physical problems and the effort made to correct them. The following optional paragraph is intended to ensure that individual examination results are kept confidential. ***

Reports to the Board regarding the number of students found to have physical problems and the effort made to correct them shall in no way reveal the identity of students.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

44871-44879 Employment qualifications

49400-49413 General powers-school boards (re pupil health)

49422 Supervision of health and physical development

49450-49457 Physical examinations (of pupils)

49460-49466 Development of standardized health assessments

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

120325-120380 Immunization against communicable diseases

121475-121520 Tuberculosis tests for pupils

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

590-596 Vision screening

3027 Hearing and vision screening for special education

3028 Audiological screening

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