

Physical Examination of Students

Every student will be examined for screening in sight, hearing, BMI*, and for other physical problems as provided in the law and regulation. A record of the results will be kept by the school nurse.

Every student will be given a general physical examination four times: upon entering, Kindergarten, Grade 5, and Grade 9. The results of examinations will be a basis for determining what corrective measures or modifications of school activities, if any, should be recommended. A record of all examinations and recommendations will be kept.

Every candidate for a school athletic team will present the signed consent of parent or guardian in order to participate on a squad and will, with the signed consent of parent or guardian, be thoroughly examined to determine physical fitness. A written report stating the fitness of the student to participate signed by the physician will be sent to the school Nurse.

Whenever the school nurse finds a child suffering from any disease or medical problem, the situation will be reported to the parent or guardian.

The school nurse will make a monthly report to the Superintendent of the number of students examined; the number excluded; and the number recommended for treatment or special adjustment of work. In all cases of exclusion or recommendation, the causes will be included in the report.

** NOTE: Department of Health Regulations call for vision screenings in Grades 1-5, once between 6-8, and once between 9-12; hearing screenings in grades 1-3, once between 6-8, and once between 9-12; BMI in grades 1, 4, 7, 10.*

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Legal References:

- M.G.L. 71:53; 71:54; 71:56; 71:57
- 105 CMR 200

Cross Reference.:

- Policy JF: Residency Policy

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