

Greene County Board of Education

Monitoring: Review: Annually, in June	Descriptor Term: Physical Examinations and Immunizations	Descriptor Code: 6.402	Issued Date: 08/24/17
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1 **PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS**

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

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

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

9 Screening tests for vision and hearing will be conducted. Scoliosis and lice screenings may be
10 conducted. Parents/ Guardians will receive written notice of any screening result that indicates a
11 condition that might interfere or tend to interfere with a student's progress.

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

14 **IMMUNIZATIONS**

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

20 Exceptions, in the absence of an epidemic or immediate threat thereof, will be granted to any child
21 whose parent or guardian shall file with school authorities an appropriate signed form that states
22 such measures conflict with his/her religious tenets and practices; or due to medical reasons if such
23 child has a written statement from his/her doctor excusing him from such immunization.⁵

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

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

Legal References

1. TRR/MS 0520-1-3-.08(2)(a)
2. TRR/MS 0520-1-3-.08(2)(b)
3. Tennessee School Health Screening Guidelines,
https://www.tn.gov/assets/entities/education/attachments/csh_school_health_screening_guidelines.pdf
4. TCA 49-6-5001(a), (c)
5. TCA 49-6-5001(b)(2)

Procedure References

- Certificate of Immunization
6.402 Exhibit A
- Religious Exemption from
Vaccination(s) 6.402 Exhibit
B
- Pre-K Student Health History
6.402 Exhibit C