

Decatur County Board of Education

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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;¹ and
- 4 2. Participation as a member of any athletic team or in any other strenuous physical activity program.²

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

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

10 In general, the school district will not conduct physical examinations of a student without parental consent to do
11 so or by court order, unless the health or safety of the student or others is in question.³

12 **IMMUNIZATIONS**

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

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

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

22 A list of transfer students shall be kept at each school in order that their records may be monitored by the
23 Department of Health.

Legal References

1. TRR/MS 0520-1-03-.08(2)(a)
2. TRR/MS 0520-01-03-.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)