

Elizabethton City Board of Education

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1 **PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS**

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

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- 5 1. Entering school for the first time. This applies to kindergarten, first grade and other students
6 for whom there is no health record, with such examination having been completed no earlier
7 than one (1) year prior to the date of enrollment; ¹ and
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 - 9 2. Participation as a member of any athletic team or in any other strenuous physical activity
10 program.²
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12 Cost of the examination shall be borne by the parent or guardian of the student. These records shall be
13 on file in the principal's office. ³
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15 Screening tests for vision, hearing, scoliosis and lice will be conducted. Parents/Guardians will receive
16 written notice of any screening result that indicates a condition that might interfere or tend to interfere
17 with a student's progress.
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19 In general, the school district will not conduct physical examinations of a student without parental consent
20 to do so or by court order, unless the health or safety of the student or others is in question.⁴
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22 **IMMUNIZATIONS**

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24 No students entering school, including those entering kindergarten or first grade, those from out-of-state
25 and those from nonpublic schools, will be permitted to enroll (or attend) without proof of immuniza-
26 tion, as determined by the Commissioner of Public Health.^{1,5} It is the responsibility of the parents or
27 guardians to have their children immunized and to provide such proof to the principal of the school
28 which the student is to attend.⁴
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30 Exceptions, in the absence of an epidemic or immediate threat thereof, will be granted to any child
31 whose parent or guardian shall file with school authorities a signed, written statement that such measures
32 conflict with his/her religious tenets and practices; or due to medical reasons if such child has a written
33 statement from his/her doctor excusing him from such immunization.⁶
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35 Proof of exceptions will be in writing and filed in the same manner as other immunization records.
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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.

Legal References:

1. TRR/MS 0520-1-3-.08(2)(a); TCA 49-6-5004(a)
2. TRR/MS 0520-1-3-.08(2)(b)
3. TCA 49-6-5001(b)(1)
4. P.L. 107-110 Part F § 1061 (1)(D); (2)(B) & (4)(B)
5. TCA 49-6-5001(a)
6. TCA 49-6-5001(b)(2)