

# Kingsport City Schools

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## 1 **PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS**

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3 The principal shall ensure proof 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  
6 students for whom there is no health record;<sup>1</sup> and  
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8 2. Participation as a member of any athletic team or in any other strenuous physical activity  
9 program.<sup>2</sup>

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11 Cost of the examination shall be borne by the parent or guardian of the student. These records shall be  
12 on file in the principal's office.<sup>3</sup>

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14 Screening tests for vision, hearing, and body mass index will be conducted. Parents/Guardians will  
15 receive notice of any screening result that indicates a condition that might interfere or tend to interfere  
16 with a student's progress.

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

## 20 **IMMUNIZATIONS**

21  
22 No students entering school, including those entering kindergarten or first grade, those from out-of-state  
23 and those from nonpublic schools, will be permitted to enroll (or attend) without proof of immuniza-  
24 tion, as determined by the Commissioner of Public Health.<sup>1,5</sup> It is the responsibility of the parents or  
25 guardians to have their children immunized and to provide such proof to the principal of the school  
26 which the student is to attend.<sup>4</sup>

## 27 **EXCEPTIONS**

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29 Exceptions, in the absence of an epidemic or immediate threat thereof, will be granted to any child  
30 whose parent or guardian shall file with school authorities a signed, written statement that such measures  
31 conflict with his/her religious tenets and practices; or due to medical reasons if such child has a written  
32 statement from his/her doctor excusing him from such immunization.<sup>6</sup>

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

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36 A list of transfer students shall be kept at each school throughout the school year in order that their  
37 records can be monitored by the Department of Health.  
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Legal Reference:

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)

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Cross Reference:

- Safety 3.201
- Student Health Services 6.401
- Homeless Students 6.503
- Student Records 6.600