

Hardin County 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:

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

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

10 Screening tests for vision, hearing, scoliosis, blood pressure and body mass index (BMI), and lice will
11 be conducted. Parents/ guardians will receive written notice of any screening result that indicates a
12 condition that might interfere or tend to interfere with a student's progress.

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

15 **IMMUNIZATIONS**

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17 No students entering school, including those entering pre-kindergarten or first grade, those from out-
18 of-state and those from nonpublic schools, will be permitted to enroll (or attend) without proof of
19 immunization, as determined by the Commissioner of Public Health.^{1,5} It is the responsibility of the
20 parents or guardians to have their children immunized and to provide such proof to the principal of the
21 school which the student is to attend.⁴

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

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

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

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)