

Henderson 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:

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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;¹ and
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8 2. Participation as a member of any athletic team or in any other strenuous activity program.²
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10 Cost of the examination shall be borne by the parent or guardian of the student. These records shall be
11 filed in the principal's office.³
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13 Screening tests for vision, hearing, scoliosis and lice will be conducted. Parents/Guardians will receive
14 written notice of any screening result that indicates a condition that might interfere or tend to interfere
15 with a student's progress.
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17 In general, the school district will not conduct physical examinations of a student without parental
18 consent 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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20 **IMMUNIZATIONS**

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22 No students entering school, including those entering kindergarten or first grade, those from out-of-state
23 and those from non-public schools, will be permitted to enroll (or attend) without proof of immuniza-
24 tion, as determined by the Commissioner of Public Health.^{1,3} 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.⁵
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28 Exceptions, in the absence of an epidemic or immediate threat thereof, will be granted when such mea-
29 sures conflict with the religious tenets and practices of a well-recognized religious denomination, whose
30 teachings include reliance on prayer or spiritual means alone for healing, of which the parent(s) is an
31 adherent or member; or due to medical reasons if such child has a written statement from his doctor
32 excusing him from such immunization.⁶
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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 and Environment.
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39 Legal References:

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