

# Franklin Special 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 pre-K, kindergarten, first grade and other  
6 students for whom there is no health record;<sup>1</sup> and  
7 2. Participation as a member of any athletic team or in any other strenuous physical activity  
8 program.<sup>2</sup>  
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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 on file in the principal's office.<sup>3</sup>  
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13 Screening tests for vision, hearing, blood pressure, height and weight will be conducted. Parents/Guard-  
14 ians will receive written notice of any screening result that indicates a condition that might interfere or  
15 tend to interfere 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.<sup>4</sup>  
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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 nonpublic schools, will be permitted to enroll (or attend) without proof of immuniza-  
24 tion, as determined by the Commissioner of Public Health.<sup>1,3</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>5</sup>  
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28 Exceptions, in the absence of an epidemic or immediate threat thereof, will be granted to any child whose  
29 parent or guardian shall claim that such measures conflict with his/her religious tenets and practices;  
30 or due to medical reasons as determined by his/her physician. Religious or medical exemptions must  
31 be documented on a "Tennessee Department of Health Certificate of Immunization" and must include  
32 documentation of physical examination by a qualified healthcare provider.<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 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)  
5. TCA 49-6-5001(a)  
6. TCA 49-6-5001(b)(2)