

SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Springfield, New Jersey 07081

POLICY: HEALTH EXAMINATIONS AND IMMUNIZATIONS

Pupils who enter the district schools for the first time shall have a medical examination conducted at the medical home of the student, and a full report sent to the school. If a student does not have a medical home, the district shall provide this examination at the school physician's office or other appropriately equipped facility. "Medical home" means a health care provider and that provider's practice site chosen by the student's parent/guardian for the provision of health care. As the school physician is also a health care provider, the parent/guardian may request that the school physician provide the medical examination.

A pupil shall be exempted from mandatory immunization if the parent/guardian objects to immunization in a written statement submitted to the principal, signed by the parent/guardian, explaining how the administration of immunizing agents conflicts with the pupil's exercise of bona fide religious tenets or practices. General philosophical or moral objection to immunization shall not be sufficient for an exemption on religious grounds.

Every pupil who enters the district schools for the first time shall present an immunization record as required by law.

In order to protect the health of the children and staff in district schools, all regulations of the state department of education, the state department of health and the local board of health shall be scrupulously observed, particularly those dealing with contagious/infectious diseases or conditions. Pupils seeking to enter school who have been identified as having a communicable/infectious disease or condition shall not be enrolled unless they qualify under the above agencies' rules pertaining to periods of incubation, communicability, quarantine and reporting.

The Chief School Administrator or his/her designee shall formulate regulations that ensure immunization records are reviewed and updated annually pursuant to N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.1 through 4.16. The Chief School Administrator shall also formulate regulations for this policy and for regular pupil health examinations at appropriate grade levels; before participation in sports programs; and for tuberculosis, scoliosis, hearing loss, visual acuity and any other physical examinations required by law. Any health defects revealed by any examination given by the school health services must be reported to the parent/guardian. The board shall review the regulations and adopt those required by law.

Legal References:

- N.J.S.A. 18A:35-4.6 through -4.8 Parents Right to Conscience Act of 1979
- N.J.S.A. 18A:40-4 Examination for physical defects and screening of hearing of pupils; health records
- N.J.S.A. 18A:40-4.3 Scoliosis; periodic examination; notice to parents or guardian
- N.J.S.A. 18A:40-4.4 Exemption
- N.J.S.A. 18A:40-4.5 Immunity from action of any kind due to provisions of act
- N.J.S.A. 18A:40-5 Method of examination; notice to parent or guardian
- N.J.S.A. 18A:40-6 In general
- N.J.S.A. 18A:40-11 Exclusion of pupils having communicable tuberculosis
- N.J.S.A. 18A:40-16 through -19 Tuberculosis infection; determination of presence ...
- N.J.S.A. 18A:40-20 Immunization at public expense
- N.J.S.A. 18A:61D-8 through -10 Findings, declarations relative to Hepatitis B vaccinations....
- N.J.S.A. 26:1A-9.1 Exemption of pupils from mandatory immunizations
- N.J.S.A. 26:4-6 Prohibiting attendance of teachers or pupils
- N.J.S.A. 26:2T-5 through -9 Findings, declarations relative to Hepatitis C
- N.J.A.C. 6A:14-3.4 Evaluation
- N.J.A.C. 6A:16-1.1et seq. Programs to Support Student Development
- N.J.A.C. 6A:32-9.1 Athletics Procedures
- N.J.A.C. 8:57-2 Reporting of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome and infection with Human Immunodeficiency Virus
- N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.1 Applicability
- N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.2 Proof of immunization
- N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.3 Medical exemptions
- N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.4 Religious exemptions
- N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.5 Provisional admission
- N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.6 Documents accepted as evidence of immunization
- N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.7 Records required
- N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.8 Reports to be sent to the State Department of Health
- N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.9 Records available for inspection
- N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.10 Diphtheria and tetanus toxoids and pertussis vaccine
- N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.11 Poliovirus vaccine
- N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.12 Measles virus vaccine
- N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.13 Rubella vaccine
- N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.14 Mumps vaccine
- N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.15 Haemophilus influenza type b (Hib) conjugate vaccine
- N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.16 Providing immunization
- N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.17 Emergency powers of the State Commissioner of Health
- N.J.A.C. 8:61-2.1 Attendance at school by pupils or adults infected by Human Immuno-deficiency Virus (HIV)

Plainfield Board of Education v. Cooperman, 105 NJ 587 (1987)

No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, Pub. L. 107-110, 20 U.S.C.A. 6301 et seq.

Cross References:

1410 Local units
4123 Classroom aides
5111 Admission
5113 Absences and excuses
5131.6 Drugs, alcohol, tobacco (substance abuse)
5141 Health
5141.21 Administering medication
5200 Nonpublic school pupils
6142.4 Physical education and health
6145.1/6145.2 Intramural competition; interscholastic competition
6162.5 Research
6164.4 Child study team
6171.4 Special education

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