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Physical Examinations of Students

The District requires health records of students under the following circumstances.

1. Kindergarten and first-grade students entering school for the first time must have a completed health record before being admitted to school.
2. Health records are requested for all students transferring into the District. If the previous school does not forward a record or if it is incomplete, it is the parents' responsibility to comply with health requirements for students.
3. Students must have physical examinations prior to their participation in interscholastic athletic programs.

The District screens students for hearing, vision, speech and communications, and health or medical problems and for any developmental disorders prior to November 1 of the school year in which a pupil is enrolled for the first time in either kindergarten or first grade in a manner determined by the Board. The District notifies parents, prior to August 1 of the year in which the pupil is required to be screened and gives parents the opportunity to submit a written statement excluding their children. If the results of any screening reveal the possibility of special learning needs, the District conducts further assessment in accordance with State law.

The District reports compliance with these screening requirements to the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce by November 30 annually through the consolidated school mandate report.

If the District reports noncompliance, the Superintendent/designee must provide a written explanation to the Board within 30 days explaining this noncompliance and a written plan of action for accurately and efficiently addressing the problem.

Parents have the right to refuse to allow their child to participate in nonemergency invasive physical examinations or screenings. Invasive physical exam is defined as any "medical examination that involves the exposure of private body parts, or any act during such examination that includes incision, insertion or injection into the body, but does not include a hearing, vision or scoliosis exam."

The District notifies parents, on an annual basis, of the administration of health and physical screenings and examinations and, thereby, gives parents the opportunity to exclude their children.

Legal References

Elementary and Secondary Education Act; 20 USC 1221 et seq.
 ORC 3301.68
 ORC 3313.473
 ORC 3313.50

ORC 3313.671
 ORC 3313.673
 ORC 3313.68
 ORC 3313.73
 ORC Chapter 3323

Cross References

IGBLA, Promoting Parental Involvement
 JEC, School Admission
 JHC, Student Health Services and Requirements
 JHCB, Immunizations

NOTE: *The District may administer the required kindergarten/first grade screenings directly or contract with another person or governmental entity. The Board also may establish a list of approved providers of screening services and request the parents utilize one of the providers, if the Board requests for screenings to be obtained by the parents, they must provide them with the list of providers and also provide information on screening services available in the community to those who cannot afford them.*

Senate Bill 216 (2018) enacted Ohio Revised Code 3301.68 requiring the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce (ODEW) to establish, distribute and monitor a consolidated school mandate report for school districts. Except where specifically required by law, ODEW cannot require a separate report for the items included in the report. Each district must complete and file the report by November 30 annually.

The report must require each district or school to denote "yes" to indicate compliance or "no" to indicate noncompliance with the following prescribed items and to provide any other information that the department requests regarding those items:

- *training on the use of physical restraint or seclusion on students;*
- *training on harassment, intimidation, or bullying;*
- *training on the use of cardiopulmonary resuscitation and an automated external defibrillator;*
- *training on crisis prevention intervention;*
- *the establishment of a wellness committee;*
- *the reporting of a district's or school's compliance with nutritional standards;*
- *screening for hearing, vision, speech and communications, and health or medical problems and for any developmental disorders of students enrolled for the first time in kindergarten or first grade and*
- *compliance with interdistrict and intradistrict open enrollment requirements.*

If a district or school denotes "no" on any item it must provide a written explanation to the board within 30 days for why that item was not completed and a written plan of action for accurately and efficiently addressing the problem.

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