

Physical Examination of Students

Each child must have a complete physical examination within one year preceding first entry to school. The Board recommends that physical exams also be completed before entry into middle school and again before high school. No medical examination shall be required of a child whose parent or guardian objects thereto in writing on the grounds such medical examination is contrary to his/her religious tenets and teachings.

Parents of students transferring to the District must present proof of meeting the physical examination requirement prior to or upon first entry into the District's schools. Failure to comply with this provision may result in exclusion from school for the child.

Prior to participation on a school athletic team, students must provide written documentation that they have passed a physical. Such exam must be completed at least every two school years. This requirement does apply to students participating in intramural athletics and applies to both high school and middle school students participating on school athletic teams. The school may schedule physical exams; any student who misses the scheduled physicals must present evidence of a physical exam from his/her own licensed health care provider. In addition, this policy applies to students participating in the marching band at the high school.

No child shall be excused from regular physical education except on the written notice of a duly licensed health care provider or on the written request of the parents, subject to the Superintendent's approval, in which case an alternative program shall be provided. The physical education teacher, school nurse, or principal, upon the request of the parents, may grant temporary excuses on a day-to-day basis.

Legal References:

RSA 141-C:20-c, Exemptions

RSA 200:32, Physical Examination of Pupils

RSA 200:38, Control and Prevention of Communicable Diseases: Duties of School Nurse

NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed. 311.03, Physical Examination of Students

No Child Left Behind, Title II, Sec 1061

Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment, 20 U.S.C. §1232h; 34 C.F.R. Part 98