

Health Assessments and Immunizations

The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors recognizes the importance of periodic health assessments according to state health regulations.

To determine health status of students, facilitate the removal of disabilities to learning and find whether some special adaptation of the school program may be necessary, the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors requires that students have health assessments.

The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors adheres to those state laws and regulations that pertain to school immunizations and health assessments. It is the policy of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors to insure that all enrolled students are adequately immunized against communicable diseases. The Board may deny continued attendance in school to any student who fails to obtain the health assessments required under C.G.S. 10-206, as may be periodically amended.

The Executive Committee of the Board of Directors shall annually designate a representative to receive reports of health assessments and immunizations from health care providers.

Parents wishing their children exempted or excused from health assessments, on religious grounds, must request such exemption to the Executive Director of EASTCONN in writing. This request must be signed by the parent/guardian.

Parents/guardians wanting their children excused from immunizations on religious grounds (prior to kindergarten entry and grade 7 entry) must request such exemption in writing to the Executive Director of EASTCONN if such immunization is contrary to the religious beliefs of the child or of the parent/guardian of the child. The request must be officially acknowledged by a notary public or a judge, a clerk or deputy clerk of a court having a seal, a town clerk, a justice of the peace, a Connecticut-licensed attorney or a school nurse. It is the responsibility of the Principal to insure that each student enrolled has been adequately immunized and has fulfilled the required health assessments. The school nurse shall check and document immunizations and health assessments on all students enrolling in school and to report the status to the school principal. The school nurse shall also contact parents or guardians to make them aware if immunizations and/or health assessments are insufficient or not up-to-date. The school nurse will maintain in good order the immunization and health assessment records of each student enrolled.

Optional: The school nurse who is required to verify the immunization status for students enrolled in Agency schools, pre-K to grade 12, inclusive, pursuant to C.G.S. 10-204a, shall be provided with sufficient information on the student living within his/her jurisdiction and is listed on the Department of Public Health's registry of immunization status. The school nurse is authorized to determine which student in their jurisdiction are overdue for scheduled immunizations and provide outreach to help get them vaccinated.

Students born in high risk countries and entering school in Connecticut for the first time, should receive either TST (tuberculin skin test) or IGRA (interferon-gamma release assay). Any individual found to be positive shall have an appropriate medical management plan developed that includes a chest radiograph.

Students not already known to have a positive test for tuberculosis should be tested if they meet any of the risk factors for TB infection, as described in the administrative regulations accompanying this policy.

No record of any student's medical assessment may be open to the public.

As required, EASTCONN will annually report to the Department of Public Health and to the local Health Director the asthma data, pertaining to the total number of students per school and for EASTCONN, obtained through the required asthma assessments, including student demographics. Such required asthma diagnosis shall occur at the time of mandated health assessment at the time of enrollment, in either grade six or seven, and in either grade nine or ten. Such asthma diagnosis shall be reported whether or not it is recorded on the health assessment form, at the aforementioned intervals. EASTCONN, as required, will also participate in annual school surveys conducted by the Department of Public Health pertaining to asthma.

(cf. 5111 - Admission)

(cf. 5141.31 - Physical Examinations for School Programs)

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

(cf. 5135.11 - Health/Medical Records - HIPAA)

(cf. 5141 - Student Health Services)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10 204a Required immunizations (as amended by P.A. 15-174 and P.A. 15-242)

10-204c Immunity from liability

10-205 Appointment of school medical adviser

10 206 Health assessments

10-207 Duties of medical advisors

10-206a Free health assessments

10-208 Exemption from examination or treatment

10-208a Physical activity of student restricted; board to honor notice

10-209 Records not to be public. Provision of reports to school.

10-212 School nurses

10-214 Vision, audiometric and postural screenings. When required.
Notification of parents re defects; record of results

Department of Public Health, Public Health Code, 10-0204a-2a, 10-204a-3a, 10-204a-4

Section 4 of PA 14-231

20 U.S.C. Section 1232h, No Child Left Behind Act

Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (section 438 of the General Education Provisions Act, as amended, added by section 513 of P.L. 93-568, codified at 20 U.S.C. 1232g.

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42 U.S.C. 1320d-1320d-8 P.L. 104-191, Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA)

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