5310 HEALTH SERVICES (M)

The Board of Education requires that all pupils enrolled in this district submit to physical examinations in accordance with law and rules of the State Board of Education and State Department of Health to ensure that the learning potential of each child is not diminished by a remediable physical disability and that the school community is protected from the spread of communicable disease.

The Board will appoint at least one school physician with assigned responsibilities as outlined in N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.1(a) through (d) and at least one full-time equivalent nurse with assigned responsibilities as outlined in N.J.A.C. 6A:16:2.1(e) and (f).

A pupil who presents a statement signed by his/her parent(s) or legal guardian(s) that required examinations interfere with the free exercise of his/her religious beliefs shall be examined only to the extent necessary to determine whether the pupil is ill or infected with a communicable disease or under the influence of a drug or is disabled or is fit to participate in any health, safety, or physical education course required by law.

The results of any physical examinations and screenings conducted by the school district physician and/or nursing staff shall be reported to the pupil's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) when any condition is identified that requires follow-up by a physician or family health provider.

The Superintendent shall instruct all teaching staff members to observe pupils continually for conditions that indicate a physical defect or disability and to report such conditions promptly to the school nurse.

Health Examinations

Every pupil shall be examined upon entry to school. The physical examination shall be conducted at the medical home of the pupil, and a full report must be sent to the school. If the pupil does not have a medical home, the district will provide the examination at the school physician’s office or other appropriately equipped office. The examination will be documented on a form approved by the Commissioner of Education.

The school nurse will notify parents of the importance of obtaining subsequent medical examinations of the pupil at least one time during each developmental stage at early childhood (grades preschool through grade three), pre-adolescence (grades four through six), and adolescence (grades seven through twelve).

Pupil health examinations shall include, in accordance with district regulations, immunizations; the pupil's medical history; health screenings including height, weight, hearing, blood pressure, and vision screenings; and physical examination of the pupil's body. Pupil examinations/physicals and pupil athletic physicals shall not require screening or disclosure of HIV status.

Each candidate for a place on a school athletic squad or team shall submit to a medical examination conducted in accordance with Policy No. 2431 and rules of the State Board of Education.

Pupils referred for evaluation for eligibility for special education and/or related services shall be examined in accordance with Policy No. 2460 and Regulation No. 2460.7 and rules of the State Board of Education.

Pupils suspected of being under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or anabolic steroids shall be examined in accordance with Policy No. 5530 and rules of the State Board of Education.

Tuberculin Screening

Tuberculin screening shall be conducted as required by the State Department of Health.

Scoliosis Screening

The district shall provide for the biennial scoliosis examination of every pupil between the ages of 10 and 18 by a school employee trained in scoliosis screening. A pupil shall be exempt from the examination on the written request of the parent(s) or legal guardian(s).

Audiometric Screening

Audiometric screening will be conducted for pupils enrolled in preschool programs; pupils enrolled in grades kindergarten, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, and 8 and 10. Audiometric screening will also be conducted for pupils entering the district with no recent record of hearing screening; pupils at risk for hearing impairments; pupils referred to the child study team for evaluation; pupils referred for screening by a teacher, parent or legal guardian (s), at the pupil's request; and pupils who are at risk for noise exposure. Pupils are at risk for hearing impairments if they have communication disorders, cleft palate, allergies,

frequent upper respiratory or middle ear infections; take ototoxic medication; or are exposed to sudden or continuous loud noise.

Audiometric screening will be conducted in accordance with the New Jersey Department of Education School Health Services Guidelines.

Hearing Aid Screening and FM Hearing Aid Systems

The speech/language therapist will screen to ensure hearing aids worn by pupils who are deaf or hard of hearing are functioning properly. The speech/language therapist (in conjunction with the school nurse) will also ensure FM hearing aid systems, if used in school, are functioning properly.

Vision Screening

Vision screening will be conducted, at a minimum, to pupils in grades Pre-K, Kindergarten, 2,4, 6, 8, and 10. Vision screening will also be conducted for: all new pupils; all pupils registering for pupil education; all teacher referred pupils who show signs or symptoms of visual problems; all pupils experiencing scholastic failure; all pupils having reading difficulties or other learning problems (i.e. dyslexia); all pupils at high risk of having vision disorders (i.e. pupils with disabilities and special needs); and all pupils referred to the Child Study Team for evaluation.

Vision screening will be conducted in accordance with the New Jersey Department of Education School Health Services Guidelines.

School Health Services Plan

The Superintendent, in consultation with the school physician, shall submit the School Nursing Services Plan to the Board for approval at a regularly scheduled public meeting in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.2(f)1. This plan shall be submitted to the County Superintendent for review and approval annually as part of the Quality Assurance Annual Review (QAAR) pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6:8-2.1 with evidence of public discussion and the Board of Education approval.

Health Records N.J.A.C. 6A:16-1.5 et seq.

Pupil health records shall be maintained in accordance with the requirements of 6A:16-1.5. Information in the pupil's health record will only be shared in accordance with the restrictions outlined in N.J.A.C. 6A:16-1.5(c). Access to a pupil's health records to

licensed medical personnel will be limited only to the extent necessary to enable the licensed medical personnel to perform their duties.

Nursing Services to Nonpublic Schools Pupils

Nursing services to nonpublic school pupils will be provided pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.4 et seq.

N.J.S.A.	18A:35-4.8; 18A:40-4 et seq.; 18A:40-16 et seq.
N.J.S.A.	44:6-2
N.J.A.C.	6A:14-1.1(f); 6A:14-3.4 et seq.; 6A:16-1.1 et seq.; 6A:16-2.1 et seq.; 6A:16-2.4 et seq.
N.J.A.C.	8:52-7.1 et seq.

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