

Students

Student Health Services

School District Medical Advisor

The Board of Education shall appoint a school district medical advisor and appropriate medical support service personnel including nurses.

School health efforts shall be directed toward detection and prevention of health problems and to emergency treatment.

The medical advisor shall:

1. Plan and administer the health program for each school;
2. Advise on the provision of school health services;
3. Provide consultation on the school health environment;
4. Perform other duties as determined by the Board.

Health Records

There shall be a health record for each student enrolled in the school district which will be maintained in the school nurse's room. No record of any medical examination made or filed in accordance with Sections 10-205, 10-206, 10-207 or 10-214 of the Connecticut General Statutes ["C.G.S."], or any psychological examination made under the supervision or at the request of a Board of Education, or oral health assessment conducted pursuant to Public Act 18-168 shall be open to public inspection. Furthermore, all other health records maintained by the school district shall be treated in the same manner as the student's cumulative academic record.

Regular Health Assessments

Prior to enrollment in kindergarten, each child shall have a health assessment by one of the following medical personnel of the parents or guardians choosing to ascertain whether the student has any physical disability or other health problem tending to prevent him or her from receiving the full benefit of school work and to ascertain whether such school work should be modified in order to prevent injury to the student or to secure for the student a suitable program of education:

1. a legally qualified practitioner of medicine;
2. an advanced practice registered nurse, or registered nurse; licensed pursuant to chapter 378 of the C.G.S.
3. a physician assistant licensed pursuant to chapter 370 of the C.G.S.

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4. a school medical advisor, or
5. a legally qualified practitioner of medicine, an advanced practice nurse or a physician assistant stationed at any military base.

Students entering from out of state must meet State of Connecticut health requirements. All new students entering the school district must fill out a questionnaire with the school nurse to assess the risk to exposure to tuberculosis. Any student who has any risk factors will have Mantoux test prior to entry.

Such health assessment shall include:

1. Physical examination which shall include hematocrit or hemoglobin tests, height, weight, and blood pressure;
2. Updating of immunizations required under C.G.S. §10-204a;
3. Vision, hearing, postural, gross dental screening and a chronic disease assessment, which shall include, but not be limited to, asthma as defined by the Commissioner of Public Health pursuant to C.G.S. §19a-62a;
4. A determination at each mandated examination as determined by the Connecticut Department of Public Health of the risk of exposure to tuberculosis. All students from high-risk countries (as defined by the Connecticut Department of Public Health) who are entering the system for the first time must receive a Mantoux test. A history of bacilli Calmette-Guerin (BCG) is not a contraindication to testing nor should it be considered interpretation of the skin test results. Test should be read prior to entry. All students who are identified as positive reactors to the Mantoux test for the first time shall consult a physician and bring verification to the school nurse stating that they have had a chest x-ray and are free of active tuberculosis;
5. Any other information including a health and developmental history as the physician or other provider believes to be necessary and appropriate.

The assessment form shall include (A) a check box for the provider conducting the assessment to indicate an asthma diagnosis; (B) screening questions relating to appropriate public health concerns to be answered by the parent or guardian; and (C) screening questions to be answered by the medical provider. Health assessments shall also be required at school entry and in grades 6 and 9 by a legally qualified physician of each student's parents or guardians own choosing, or by the school medical advisor, or the advisor's designee, to ascertain whether a student has any physical disability or other health problem.

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Such health assessments shall include:

1. Physical examination which shall include hematocrit or hemoglobin tests, height, weight, and blood pressure;
2. Updating of immunizations required under C.G.S. §10-204a;
3. Vision, hearing, postural, gross dental screening, and a chronic disease assessment which shall include, but not be limited to, asthma as defined by the Commissioner of Public Health pursuant to C.G.S. §19a-62a;
4. Students in high risk groups for TB who have not had a positive test should receive a Mantoux tuberculin skin test;
5. Any other information including a health and developmental history as the physician believes to be necessary and appropriate.

A child will not be allowed, as the case may be, to begin or continue in district schools unless health assessments are performed as required. Students transferring into the district must provide evidence of required Connecticut vaccinations, immunizations, and health assessments at enrollment and prior to school attendance. Students who are homeless will be permitted to attend school even if they are unable to provide proof of required immunizations. Such students shall be referred to the district's homeless liaison who will assist the parent or guardian with obtaining the necessary immunizations and/or records.

Health assessments will be provided by the school medical advisor or the advisor's designee without charge to all students whose parents or guardians meet the eligibility requirement of free and reduced priced meals under the National School Lunch Program or for free milk under the special milk program. The Board may utilize existing community resources and services in the provision of such assessments.

Health assessment results and recommendations signed by the examining physician or authorized medical personnel shall be recorded on forms provided by the Connecticut State Board of Education and kept on file in the school the student attends. If a student permanently leaves the jurisdiction of the board of education, the student's original cumulative health records shall be sent to the chief administrative officer of the school district to which such student moves and a true copy of the student's cumulative health records maintained with the student's academic records. Each physician, advanced practice registered nurse, physician assistant or registered nurse performing health assessments and screenings shall completely fill out and sign each form and any recommendations concerning the student shall be in writing. When in the judgment of appropriate school health personnel, the results and recommendations of such assessment reflect that a student

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is in need of further testing or treatment, the Superintendent of Schools, or designee, shall notify parents of any health-related problems detected in health assessments and shall make reasonable efforts to assure that further testing and treatment is provided, including advice on obtaining such required testing or treatment.

Students who are in violation of Board requirements for health assessments and immunizations will be excluded from school after appropriate parental notice and warning.

Vision Screening

All students in grades K-6, and grade 9 will be screened annually using a Snellen chart, or equivalent screening, by the school nurse or school health aide. Additional vision screening will also be conducted in response to appropriate requests from parents/guardians or professionals working with the student in question. Results will be recorded in the student's health record on forms supplied by the Connecticut State Board of Education, and the Superintendent or designee shall cause a written notice to be given to the parent or guardian of each student found to have any defect of vision or disease of the eyes, with a brief statement describing such defect or disease.

As necessary, modifications and/or accommodations shall be made for students with physical disabilities.

All students will be screened for possible hearing impairments in grades K-3, grade 5, and grade 8. Additional audiometric screening will be conducted in response to appropriate requests from parents/guardians or professionals working with the student. Results will be recorded in the student's health record on forms supplied by the Connecticut State Board of Education, and the Superintendent or designee shall cause a written notice to be given to the parent or guardian of each student found to have any defect of vision or disease of the eyes, with a brief statement describing such defect or disease.

As necessary, modifications and/or accommodations shall be made for students with physical disabilities.

Postural Screening

School nurses will screen all students in grades 5 through 9 inclusive for scoliosis or other postural problems. Additional postural screening will also be conducted in response to appropriate requests from parents/guardians or professionals working with the student. Results will be recorded in the student's health record on forms supplied by the Connecticut State Board of Education, and the Superintendent or designee shall cause a written notice to be given to the parent or guardian of each student found to have any postural defect or problem, with a brief statement describing such defect or disease.

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As necessary, modifications and/or accommodations shall be made for students with physical disabilities.

Immunizations/Vaccinations

Except as required by law, no student will be allowed to enroll in any program operated as part of the district schools without adequate immunization against the following diseases:

1. Measles
2. Rubella
3. Poliomyelitis
4. Diphtheria
5. Tetanus
6. Pertussis
7. Mumps
8. Hemophilus influenza type
9. Hepatitis B
10. Varicella (chickenpox)
11. Pneumococcal (Pre-K and K students less than 5 years old)
12. Hepatitis A (students who entered Pre-K or K on or after August 1, 2011)
13. Meningococcal (Grades 7-9)
14. Influenza (Pre-K students less than 5 years old)
15. Any other vaccine required by law

Such list and the required number of doses may be amended as required by State of Connecticut guidelines and schedules.

Students shall be exempt from the appropriate provisions of this policy when:

1. they present a certificate from a physician or local health agency stating that initial immunizations have been given and additional immunizations are in process under guidelines and schedules specified by the Commissioner of Health Services; or
2. they present a certificate from a physician stating that in the opinion of such physician, immunization is medically contraindicated because of the physical condition of such child; or
3. they present a statement from their parents or guardians that such immunization would be contrary to the religious beliefs of such child; or

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4. in the case of measles, mumps or rubella, present a certificate from a physician or from the Director of Health in such child's present or previous town of residence, stating that the child has had a confirmed case of such disease; or
5. in the case of hemophilus influenza type B has passed his or her fifth birthday; or
6. in the case of pertussis, has passed his or her sixth birthday.

The school nurse will report to the local Director of Health any occurrence of State of Connecticut defined reportable communicable diseases.

Any student participating in an interscholastic sports program must have a health assessment, within thirteen months prior to the first training session for the sport or sports. After the initial examination, repeat examinations are required every year. Each participant in a sport program must complete a health questionnaire before participating in each sport.

Parents are expected to use the services of their private physician. If a student is unable to obtain a health assessment from his/her personal physician for financial or other reasons, an examination can be arranged with the school medical advisor. Health assessment results shall be recorded on forms provided by the Connecticut State Board of Education, signed by the examining physician, school medical advisor or advisor's designee, filed in the student's health folder, and maintained up to date by the school nurse.

Coaches and physical education staff shall insure appropriate monitoring of an athlete's physical condition.

Oral Health Assessments

The Board shall request that each student enrolled in the New Milford Public Schools submit to an oral health assessment prior to school enrollment, in either grade six or grade seven, and in either grade nine or grade ten. The oral health assessment shall include a dental examination by a dentist or a visual screening and risk assessment for oral health conditions by a dental hygienist, legally qualified practitioner of medicine, physician assistant or advanced registered nurse. The assessment form shall include a check box for the provider conducting the assessment, as described in subsection (a) of C.G.S. § 10-206, to indicate any low, moderate or high risk factors associated with any dental or orthodontic appliance, saliva, gingival condition, visible plaque, tooth demineralization, carious lesions, restorations, pain, swelling or trauma.

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Such oral health assessment shall be conducted by:

1. A dentist licensed pursuant to chapter 379 of the C.G.S.;
2. A dental hygienist licensed pursuant to chapter 379a of the C.G.S.;
3. A legally qualified practitioner trained in conducting an oral health assessment as part of a training program approved by the Commissioner of Public Health;
4. A physician assistant licensed pursuant to chapter 370 of the C.G.S. and trained in conducting an oral assessment as part of such a training program; or
5. An advanced practice registered nurse licensed pursuant to chapter 378 of the C.G.S. and trained in conducting an oral assessment as part of such a training program.

No oral health assessment shall be made of any student enrolled in the New Milford Public Schools unless the parent or guardian of such student consents to such an assessment and such assessment is made in the presence of the student's parent or guardian or in the presence of another school employee. The parent or guardian of such student shall receive prior written notice and shall have a reasonable opportunity to opt his or her child out of such assessment, be present at such assessment or provide for such assessment himself or herself. The Board shall not deny enrollment or continued attendance to any student who does not submit to an oral health assessment.

If the Board hosts a free oral health assessment event at which an authorized provider performs an oral health assessment of students attending a New Milford Public School, the Board shall notify the parents and guardians of the students attending such school in advance of the event. Each parent and guardian shall have the opportunity to opt his or her child out of the oral health assessment event. Each child whose parent did not opt him or her out of the oral health assessment event shall receive an oral health assessment, as prescribed above, free of charge. No child shall receive dental treatment of any kind as part of the oral health assessment event unless the child's parent or guardian provides informed consent for such treatment.

The results of an oral health assessment performed pursuant to this policy shall be recorded on a form supplied by the State Board of Education. Such information shall be included in the cumulative health record of each pupil who submitted to an oral health assessment and kept on file in the school such pupil attends. Each dentist, dental hygienist, legally qualified practitioner of medicine, physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse who performs an oral health assessment pursuant to this policy shall completely fill out and sign the form and any recommendations of the dentist, dental hygienist, legally qualified practitioner of medicine, physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse concerning the pupil shall be in writing.

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Appropriate school health personnel shall review the results of each oral health assessment recorded pursuant to this policy. When, in the judgment of such school health personnel, a pupil is in need of further testing or treatment, the Superintendent shall give written notice to the parent or guardian of such pupil and shall make reasonable efforts to ensure that further testing or treatment is provided. Such reasonable efforts shall include a determination of whether or not the parent or guardian has obtained the necessary testing or treatment for the pupil and, if not, advising the parent or guardian as to how such testing or treatment may be obtained. The results of such further testing or treatment shall be recorded as set forth in the above paragraph and shall be reviewed by school health personnel.

Student Medical Care at School

School personnel are responsible for the immediate care necessary for a student whose sickness or injury occurs on the school premises during school hours or in school-sponsored and supervised activities. Depending upon specific circumstances, Category V issues may also be considered emergencies by attending school personnel.

Schools shall maintain files of emergency information cards for each student. If a child's injury requires immediate care, the parent or guardian will be called by telephone by the nurse, the building Principal, or other personnel designated by the principal, and advised of the student's condition. When immediate medical or dental attention is indicated, and when parents or guardians cannot be reached, 911 will be called and the student will be transported to the nearest hospital. In this event, the family physician/dentist and school district medical advisor will be notified of school district actions.

Asthma Reporting

The Board shall report to the local health department and the Department of Public Health, on a triennial basis, the total number of pupils per school and per school district having a diagnosis of asthma (1) at the time of enrollment, (2) in grade six or seven, and (3) in grade ten or eleven. The report shall contain information relating to asthma diagnoses gathered through health assessment screenings and shall also include information relating to pupil age, race, ethnicity and age.

(cf. 5142 - Student Safety)

(cf. 5141.4 - Child Abuse and Neglect)

(cf. 5141.5 - Suicide Prevention)

(cf. 6142.1 - Family Life and Sex Education)

(cf. 6145.2 - Interscholastic/Intramural Athletics)

(cf. 6171 - Special Education)

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Legal References: Connecticut General Statutes

10-203 Compliance with public health statutes and regulations.

10-204a-1 et seq, Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies: School-Related Immunizations Immunization Of School Children Against Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Poliomyelitis, Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Hemophilus Influenzae Type B (Hib), Hepatitis B, And Varicella.

10-204(a) Required immunizations.

10-204c Immunity from liability

10-205 Appointment of school medical advisors.

10-206 Health assessments

10-206(a) Free health assessments.

10-206(c) Health assessments for adolescents

10-207 Duties of medical advisers.

10-208 Exemption from examination or treatment.

10-208(a) Physical activity of student restricted; boards to honor notice.

10-209 Records not to be public.

10-210 Notice of disease to be given parent or guardian.

10-212 School nurses and nurse practitioners.

10-212(a) Administration of medicines by school personnel.

10-213 Dental hygienists.

10-214 Vision, audiometric and postural screening: When required; notification of parents re defects; record of results.

10-214(a) Eye protective devices.

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- Legal References: Connecticut General Statutes (continued)
- 10-214(b) Compliance report by local or regional Board of Education
- 10-217(a) Health services for children in private nonprofit schools. Payments from the state, towns in which children reside and private nonprofit schools.
- Public Act 18-168 An Act Concerning the Department of Public Health's Recommendations Regarding Various Revisions to the Public Health Statutes
- 42 U.S.C. 11432(g) McKinney Vento Act

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