

PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS OF STUDENTS

The District recognizes that there is a direct relationship between student health and success in school. Recognizing that parents/guardians bear the major responsibility for attending to the health needs of their children and that the school system has an interest in the well-being of its students, the Board adopts the following policy.

A. Physical Examinations and Screenings

Parents/guardians shall be encouraged to have their children physically examined prior to entering school. Dental examinations shall also be encouraged.

Vision, hearing, scoliosis and any other screenings will be conducted as required by Maine law. Parents will receive notification prior to screening and may contact the school nurse if they do not want their child to be screened. Parents will be notified of any suspected health problems identified through screening.

School staff are encouraged to be alert to the general well-being of students and should refer any concerns to the school nurse.

B. Participation in Athletics

Students who wish to participate in middle school or high school athletics are required to have a physical examination and medical approval before doing so. The physical examinations are required before a student may participate in any athletic program and must be conducted prior to entering 7th and 10th grades. . A student will not be allowed to participate in practice or competition without the required physical examination and medical approval.

Legal Reference: 20-A M.R.S.A. §§ 6402-A, 6451-6453
20 U.S.C. § 1232h(c)

Cross Reference: JLCB - Immunization of Students

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