

## **Students**

### **Student Health Services**

The Board of Education recognizes its legal and moral responsibility to provide school health services which will promote, protect, and maintain the health of the students. Such school health services should therefore be an integral part of the total school program, and should assist each student to attain and maintain his/her optimum state of health so that he/she may benefit to the maximum degree from his/her educational experiences. To that end, the Board also employs the professional services of a School Medical Advisor and appropriate professional support services. The Superintendent or appointee shall manage these health services. Health services shall be directed toward detection, prevention, on-going monitoring of health problems and to provide emergency interventions.

Parents, however, have the primary and ultimate responsibility for the health of the student. The school health services program is founded on this premise, recognizing that the educational system has an obligation to assist parents, without fulfilling the responsibility for them, and to assist students to develop competence in dealing with health problems they will face during their school years and in the future.

The administration shall observe the requirements of State Law, as well as state and local health department regulations, and shall take such action as may be necessary for safeguarding the health of students and teachers in the schools. Specifically, the administration shall recommend that the Board of Education exclude from school within 30 calendar days of the first day of attendance, all newly entering and continuing students who do not present evidence of compliance with the required schedule of physical examinations unless exemption is given according to religious belief or medical advice. Students who are in violation of Board requirements for health assessments and immunizations may be excluded from school after appropriate parental notice and warning through a certified correspondence protocol.

Each child shall be protected against poliomyelitis, measles, rubella, mumps, tetanus, pertussis, diphtheria, and hemophilus influenza-Type B, (Hib), hepatitis A, hepatitis B, varicella, pneumococcal disease, influenza, and meningococcal disease by vaccination or others, as required by law, before entering the Newtown Public Schools unless duly exempted on religious or medical grounds. A child shall receive a second immunization against measles unless duly exempted on religious or medical grounds.

(cf. 5125.11 - Health/Medical Records HIPAA)

(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)

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-203 Sanitation

10-204a Required immunizations, as amended by PA 15-174 & PA 15-242

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Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes (continued)

- 10-204c Immunity from liability
- 10-205 Appointment of school medical advisors.
- 10-206 Health assessments.
- 10-206a Free health assessments.
- 10-207 Duties of medical advisers, (as amended by P.A. 12-198)
- 10-208 Exemption from examination or treatment.
- 10-208a Physical activity of student restricted; boards to honor notice.
- 10-209 Records not to be public. (as amended by P.A. 03-211)
- 10-210 Notice of disease to be given parent or guardian.
- 10-212 School nurses and nurse practitioners.
- 10-212a 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. (As amended by PA 96-229 An Act Concerning Scoliosis Screening)
- 10-214a Eye protective devices.
- 10-214b Compliance report by local or regional board of education.
- 10-217a Health services for children in private nonprofit schools. Payments from the state, towns in which children reside and private nonprofit schools.

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

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).

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

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