

PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS AND IMMUNIZATIONS OF STUDENTS

New Hampshire state law requires that each student have a complete physical examination by a licensed physician prior to the initial enrollment into the school district.

No medical examination shall be required of a student whose parent or guardian objects thereto, in writing, on the grounds such medical examination is contrary to his/her religious tenets and teachings. (RSA 200:32)

Parents of students transferring to the school district must present proof of meeting the physical examination and immunization requirement prior to being admitted into the school. Failure to comply with this provision may result in exclusion from school for the student.

Immunizations

All students being admitted to the school district must meet state requirements for immunization. (RSA 141-C:20-a)

A student may be exempt from the above immunization requirements for religious or health reasons with appropriate documentation and in accordance with RSA 141-C:20-a.

Physical Examinations for Athletics

Students must present a copy of the physical examination form every two years to be eligible before participating in athletics for that school year.

Medical Exclusions From Physical Education

No student shall be excluded from the regularly scheduled physical education program except on a written notice by a duly licensed physician, physician's assistant, or nurse practitioner, or on the written request of the parents, subject to the building administrator's approval, in which case an alternative program shall be provided. Temporary exclusion on a day-to-day basis may be granted by the teacher upon the request of the parents.

Legal References:

NH Code of Administrative Rules, Section Ed. 306.12, *School Health Services*

RSA 141-C:20-a, *Communicable Disease: Immunization*

RSA 200:32, *Health and Sanitation: Physical Examination of Pupils*

RSA 200:38, *Health and Sanitation: Control and Prevention of Communicable Diseases; Duties of a School Nurse*

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