

### Health Examinations and Immunizations

Pupils who enter the district school for the first time shall have a medical examination conducted at the medical home of the student, and a full report sent to the school. If a student does not have a medical home, the district shall provide this examination at the school physician's office or other appropriately equipped facility. "Medical home" means a health care provider and that provider's practice site chosen by the student's parent/guardian for the provision of health care.

A pupil shall be exempted from mandatory immunization if the parent/guardian objects to immunization in a written statement submitted to the principal, signed by the parent/guardian, explaining how the administration of immunizing agents conflicts with the pupil's exercise of bona fide religious tenets or practices. General philosophical or moral objection to immunization shall not be sufficient for an exemption on religious grounds. A pupil shall also be exempted from mandatory immunization if the school receives a note from a doctor indicating that the immunization is medically contraindicated and explaining the reason for the medical contraindication.

Every pupil who enters the district school for the first time shall present an immunization record as required by law.

In order to protect the health of the children and staff in district schools, all regulations of the state department of education, the state department of health and the local board of health shall be scrupulously observed, particularly those dealing with contagious/infectious diseases or conditions. Pupils seeking to enter school who have been identified as having a communicable/infectious disease or condition shall not be enrolled unless they qualify under the above agencies' rules pertaining to periods of incubation, communicability, quarantine and reporting.

The superintendent, in consultation with the medical examiner and the nurse shall formulate regulations for this policy as required by law that comply with the School Health Services Guidelines of the NJ Department of Education. The superintendent shall formulate regulations for this policy and for regular pupil health screenings and examinations at appropriate grade levels; before participation in sports programs; and for scoliosis, hearing loss, visual acuity and any other physical examinations required by law. Any health defects revealed by any examination given by the school health services must be reported to the parent/guardian. The board shall review the regulations and adopt those required by law.

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#### Legal References:

N.J.S.A. 18A:35-4.6 through -4.8	Parents Right to conscience Act of 1979
N.J.S.A. 18A:40-4	Examination for physical defects and screening of hearing of pupils; health records
N.J.S.A. 18A:40-4.3	Scoliosis; annual examination; notice to parents or guardian
N.J.S.A. 18A:40-4.4	Exemption
N.J.S.A. 18A:40-4.5	Immunity from action of any kind due to provisions of act
N.J.S.A. 18A:40-5	Method of examination; notice to parent or guardian
N.J.S.A. 18A:40-6	In general
N.J.S.A. 18A:40-11	Exclusion of pupils having communicable tuberculosis
N.J.S.A. 18A:40-16 through -19	Tuberculosis infection; determination of presence . . .
N.J.S.A. 26:1A-9.1	Exemption of pupils from mandatory immunizations
N.J.S.A. 26:4-5	Prohibiting attendance of teachers or pupils

N.J.A.C. 6:29-1.1 et seq.	Health, safety and physical education
See particularly:	
N.J.A.C. 6:29 1.2(a)1,-1.2(b)1i, 1ii, 1iii, -1.4(a), (c), -2.1, -2.2, -2.3, -2.4, -3.4(d), (e), (f), -5.2(a), -6.3(c)48, -6.5	
N.J.A.C. 6A:14-3.4	Evaluation
N.J.A.C. 8:57-2	Reporting of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome and infection with Human Immunodeficiency Virus
N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.1	Applicability
N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.2	Proof of immunization
N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.3	Medical exemptions
N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.4	Religious exemptions
N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.5	Provisional admission
N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.6	Documents accepted as evidence of immunization
N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.7	Records required
N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.8	Reports to be sent to the State Department of Health
N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.9	Records available for inspection
N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.10	Diphtheria and tetanus toxoids and pertussis vaccine
N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.11	Poliovirus vaccine
N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.12	Measles virus vaccine
N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.13	Rubella vaccine
N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.14	Mumps vaccine
N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.15	Haemophilus influenza type b (Hib) conjugate vaccine
N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.16	Providing immunization
N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.17	Emergency powers of the State Commissioner of Health
N.J.A.C. 8:61-1.1	Attendance at school by pupils or adults infected by Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)

Plainfield Board of Education v. Cooperman, 105 NJ 587(1987)

**Cross References:**

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