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Immunizations, Physical Examinations, Vision Screening/Eye Examination and Dental Screening and School Sports Participation**

Immunization and School Sports Participation**

Immunization

Proof of immunization must be presented at the time of initial enrollment¹ in school or within 30 days of transfer to the district in accordance with Oregon law. Proof consists of a signed Certificate of Immunization Status form documenting either evidence of immunization, a religious, philosophical beliefs and/or medical exemption or immunity documentation.²

School Sports Participation

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Physical Examination

~~The Board recommends that all students initially enrolling in school have a physical examination. Parents will be asked to complete a district Health History form when initially enrolling their student in the district and when registering them for grade 7.~~

~~All students participating in extracurricular sports in grades 7 through 12 is athletic programs are required to submit to an appropriate the district a School Sports Pre-Participation participation Examination³ form prior to their initial participation in a related district athletic program. The form⁴ is to be completed and signed by a parent or guardian and physician giving permission for the student to participate and be signed~~

¹ The district shall immediately enroll a ~~homeless~~ student experiencing houselessness in the school selected even if the student is unable to produce records normally required for enrollment.

² Documentation requirements for exemptions are outlined in ORS 433.267.

³ The required form is available at , a copy may be obtained from a school office, or a form generated by the medical provider may be used if it meets requirements of law in OAR 581-021-0041, ~~Form available at~~ <http://www.osaa.org/governance/forms>

⁴ The form may be used in either a hard copy or electronic format.

by a medical provider authorized by law⁵ who has examined and evaluated the student. The completed form(s) must be returned [as directed] [to the school office].

A student who is subsequently diagnosed with a significant illness or has had a major surgery is required to have a physical examination prior to further participation ~~in extracurricular sports.~~

A student who exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion following an observed or suspected blow to the head or body, or who has been diagnosed with a concussion will not be allowed to participate in any athletic event or training on that day, unless an athletic trainer licensed by the Board of Athletic Trainers or a physician licensed pursuant to ORS 677.100 - 677.228 has determined the student has not suffered a concussion.⁶ Except as allowed above, a student excluded for concussion reasons will not be allowed to return to participate in an athletic event or training until the following three conditions have been met:

1. It is not the same day as the student exhibited signs, symptoms or behaviors, experienced a blow to the head or body, or was diagnosed with a concussion;
2. The student no longer exhibits signs, symptoms or behaviors consistent with a concussion; and
3. The student has received a medical release form from a health care professional⁷.

A student who continues to participate in extracurricular sports in grades 7 through 12 shall be required to complete a ~~sports~~physical examination once every two years, thereafter.

Vision Screening or Eye Examination

~~The parent or guardian of a student who is 7 years of age or younger and is beginning an education program with the district for the first time shall, within 120 days of beginning the education program, submit a certification that the student has received:~~

- ~~4.—A vision screening or eye examination; and~~
- ~~5.—Any further examination, treatments or assistance necessary.~~

~~The certification is not required if the parent or guardian provides a statement to the district that:~~

- ~~1.—The student submitted a certification to a prior education provider; or~~
- ~~2.—The vision screening or eye examination is contrary to the religious beliefs of the student or the parent or guardian of the student.~~

⁵ This physical examination must be conducted by a physician possessing an unrestricted license to practice medicine, a licensed naturopathic physician, a licensed physician assistant, a licensed nurse practitioner or a licensed chiropractic physician who has clinical training and experience in detecting cardiopulmonary diseases and defects.

⁶ For more information regarding medical releases for students in grades 9-12, see OSAA rules.

⁷ “Health care professional” includes a chiropractic physician, a naturopathic physician, a psychologist, a physical therapist, an occupational therapist, a physician assistant or a nurse practitioner who is licensed or registered under the laws of Oregon.

Dental Screening

The district shall file in the student's dental health record any dental screening certifications and any results of a dental screening known by the district. The district will provide to the parent or guardian of each student, standardized information developed by the Oregon Health Authority's dental director regarding dental screenings, further examinations or necessary treatments and preventative care including fluoride varnish, sealants and daily brushing and flossing.

The parent or guardian of a student who is 7 years of age or younger, and is beginning an education program with the district for the first time, shall submit a certification within 120 days of beginning the education program that the student has received a dental screening within the previous 12 months.

The certification is not required if the parent or guardian provides a statement to the district that:

1. The student submitted a certification to a prior education provider;
2. The dental screening is contrary to the religious beliefs of the student or the parent or guardian of the student; or
3. The dental screening is a burden for the student or the parent or guardian of the student in the following ways:
 - a. The cost of obtaining the dental screening is too high;
 - b. The student does not have access to an approved screener;
 - c. The student was unable to obtain an appointment with an approved screener.

The certification may be provided by a licensed dentist, a dental hygienist or a health care practitioner as defined by state law. The certification must include the:

1. Student's name;
2. Date of screening; and
3. Name of entity conducting the dental screening.

The district shall submit to the Oregon Department of Education a report that identifies the percentage of students who failed to submit the certification for the previous year, no later than October 1 of each year.

If the district is causing the dental screening to be conducted, the district will follow the notice requirements in accordance with law.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 326.580](#)

[ORS 336.479](#)

[ORS 336.485](#) - [ORS 336.490](#)

[ORS 433.235](#) - [433.280](#)

[OAR 333-019-0010](#)

[OAR 333-050-0010](#) - [050-0120](#)

[OAR 581-021-0041](#)

McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, Subtitle VII-B, reauthorized by Title IX-A of the Every Student Succeeds Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 11431-11435 (2018).
Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g (2018); Family Educational Rights and Privacy, 34 C.F.R. Part 99 (2024).