HEALTH EXAMINATIONS

BP 5141.3

Note: Effective June 30, 2016, districts are no longer required by state law to provide for or require each child to have a physical examination upon entry into school and at regular intervals as determined by the school board. The requirement that school districts provide vision and hearing screening examinations remains. While districts are no longer required to provide for and require physical examinations of every child attending school, the Department of Health may require the district to conduct physical examinations it considers necessary and may reimburse the district for examinations. The following optional policy may be revised or deleted as needed.

The School Board recognizes the importance of and encourages periodic comprehensive physical health examinations, especially upon entry into school at the beginning of the school year. In order to identify barriers to learning, and determine whether treatment or special adaptations of the school program may be necessary, the School Board shall require vision and hearing screening examinations upon entry into school or as soon as practical, and at regular intervals, as necessary. All personnel employed to examine students shall exercise proper care of each student being examined and shall ensure that the examination results are kept confidential.

Note: If a school district will be using federal money to perform exams or screenings on students, the district must annually notify parents of the exam or screening, except for hearing, vision, or scoliosis screenings. The following language implements federal law.

The district will annually notify parents of physical exams or screenings of students, except for routine vision, hearing, or scoliosis screenings.

Students who wish to participate in certain extracurricular activities may be required to submit to a physical examination to verify their ability to participate in the activity.

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(cf. 6145.2 – Interscholastic Competition)
(cf. 5112.2 - Exclusions from Attendance)
(cf. 5141.22 - Infectious Diseases)
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Legal Reference:

ALASKA STATUTES

14.30.065 Supervision

14.30.070 Physical examination required

14.30.127 Vision and hearing screening examinations

ALASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE4

AAC 06.055 Immunizations required

UNITED STATES CODE

42 U.S.C. §§ 12101 et seq. (2014)

20 U.S.C. §§ 1232g (2013)

20 U.S.C. §§ 1232h (2002)

29 U.S.C. § 794(a) (2002)

34 C.F.R. pt. 99 (2011)

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