

PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS OF STUDENTS

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BOARD POLICY

1. Students' wellbeing is a primary are the first concern of the Tupelo Public School District. ~~Their growth and wellbeing are the District's primary concern;~~ Therefore, the Board authorizes the administration administering of hearing and vision screenings to all students experiencing academic difficulties resulting in non-satisfactory performance. Non-satisfactory performance is deemed to mean failing or nearly failing when compared to the Tupelo Public School District grading scale. The goal of this screening effort is to expedite the identification of any auditory or vision problems that may be affecting a child's ability to learn.

2. In accordance with federal and state law, the District recognizes its responsibility to notify parents in advance of any nonemergency, invasive physical examination or screening that is required as a condition of attendance, administered and scheduled by the school in advance, and not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of the student, or of other students.

3. The Board authorizes the superintendent to develop procedures consistent with this policy.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE

1. Definitions

1.1. "Parents" means parent(s) or legal guardian(s).

1.2. "Invasive physical examination," as defined by law, means any medical examination that involves the exposure of private body parts, or any act during such examination that includes incision, insertion, or injection into the body, but does not include a hearing, vision or scoliosis screening. The term does not include any physical examination or screening that is permitted or required by state law, including physical examinations or screenings that are permitted without parental notification.

2.1. All students entering kindergarten will be screened for hearing, vision, speech, and language problems. Any first grade student who is new to the District will be screened for hearing and vision problems.

2.2. Any student who has not been successful in the regular education program may be screened for hearing and/or vision as a means of determining whether hearing and/or vision problems are the cause of the student's child's lack of success in the regular education program.

3. Notification and Parents' Rights

3.1. Notification will be provided at least annually at the beginning of the school year or when enrolling students for the first time in school and will include the specific or approximate dates during the school year when such screenings and/or examinations are scheduled or expected to be scheduled.

3.2. Parents shall have the opportunity to request their student(s) be exempt from participation in scoliosis, vision or hearing screening. The District will abide by such requests.

EXHIBITS

None

REFERENCES

No Child Left Behind Act of 2001

FORMS

JLCA 1.0612 Parent Opt-out Form (needs to be created)