

Students

Health Assessments and Immunizations

The Board recognizes the importance of periodic health assessments according to state health regulations.

The purpose of such assessments is to ascertain whether a student is suffering from any physical disability tending to prevent such student from receiving the full benefit of school work and to ascertain whether such school work should be modified in order to prevent injury to the student or to secure for the student a suitable program of education.

The Board of Education adheres to those state laws that pertain to school immunizations and health assessments. The Board may deny continued attendance in school to any student who fails to obtain the health assessments required under CGS 10-206.

Parents wishing their children exempted or excused from health assessments may request such exemption to the Superintendent of Schools in writing. This request must be signed by the parent or guardian.

Students may be exempt from immunization requirements only in accordance with state law. To claim a religious exemption, an exemption form must be submitted to the school nurse before enrolling the student for the first time and before entering seventh grade. The exemption form must be submitted with a properly signed acknowledgement.

No record of any student medical assessment may be open to the public.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-204	Vaccination
10-204a	Required immunizations
10-205	Appointment of school medical advisors
10-206	Health Assessments
10-206a	Free health assessment
10-207	Duties of medical advisors
10-208	Exemption from examination or treatment
10-209	Records not to be public
10-212	School nurses
10-214	Vision, audiometric and postural screenings

Health Services¹

Screenings

Vision screening is now only required for grades K and 3-5; Hearing screening is now only required for grades 1 and 3-5; Postural screening is now only required for female students in grade 5 AND 7, male students in grades 9 OR 10.

If any of the required screenings for vision, hearing or posture are not done, the school must provide the parent/guardian a notice briefly explaining why the student did not receive the screening.

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¹ [Public Act 15-174](#), An Act Concerning Childhood Vaccinations; [Public Act 15-242](#), An Act Concerning Various Amendments to the Public Health Statutes