

STUDENT PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS AND INOCULATIONS

The Board encourages parents and students to preserve and protect each student's general health. The Board will, therefore, recommend that each child should have a complete physical examination by a licensed physician upon entrance to the kindergarten or first grade, and upon entering fourth, eighth and twelfth grades. All new entrants to the school system will also receive a recommendation for a physical examination.

By state law, children who attend the district's nursery school will also be examined by a physician prior to admission.

Also by law, all entrants must, prior to admission, have received or are receiving immunization against polio, diphtheria, pertussis, rubeola, rubella, mumps and tetanus.

Exceptions to immunization include certification by a physician that such immunizations would endanger the life or health of the child, or a written statement by the parents that such immunizations are against the religious beliefs of the child's family.

Physical examinations may also be required for all students who participate in interscholastic athletics and other school activities. The examination would be administered by a licensed physician and the cost would be borne by the district.

Annually, students will also be subject to routine health screenings for hearing and visual acuity, and dental, scoliosis, and communicable diseases.

Legal References:

SDCL 13-28-7.1 Tests and immunizations for communicable diseases
SDCL 13-28-7.2 Immunizations provided at public expense

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