

## HEALTH EXAMINATIONS AND IMMUNIZATIONS

Pupils who enter the district schools for the first time shall present a certificate from a licensed physician to attest to their physical condition. At the parent/guardian's request, the school physician may conduct an examination and sign the certificate.

A pupil shall be exempted from mandatory immunization if the parent/guardian objects to immunization in a written statement submitted to the principal, signed by the parent/guardian, explaining how the administration of immunizing agents conflicts with the pupil's exercise of bona fide religious tenets or practices. General philosophical or moral objection to immunization shall not be sufficient for an exemption on religious grounds.

Every pupil who enters the district schools for the first time shall present an immunization record as required by law

In order to protect the health of the children and staff in district schools, all regulations of the state department of education, the state department of health and the local board of health shall be scrupulously observed, particularly those dealing with contagious/infectious diseases or conditions. Pupils seeking to enter school who have been identified as having a communicable/infectious disease or condition shall not be enrolled unless they qualify under the above agencies' rules pertaining to periods of incubation, communicability, quarantine and reporting.

The chief school administrator shall formulate regulations for this policy and for regular pupil health examinations at appropriate grade levels; before participation in sports programs; and for tuberculosis, scoliosis, hearing loss, visual acuity and any other physical examinations required by law. Any health defects revealed by any examination given by the school health services must be reported to the parent/guardian. The board shall review the regulations and adopt those required by law.

<b>Legal References:</b>	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:35-4.6 through -4.8	Parents Right to Conscience Act of 1979
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:40-4	Examination for physical defects and screening of hearing of pupils; health records
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:40-4.3	Scoliosis; periodic examination; notice to parents or guardian
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:40-4.4	Exemption
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:40-4.5	Immunity from action of any kind due to provisions of act
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:40-5	Method of examination; notice to parent or guardian
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:40-6	In general
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:40-11	Exclusion of pupils having communicable tuberculosis
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:40-16 through -19	Tuberculosis infection; determination of presence ...
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:40-20	Immunization at public expense
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 26:1A-9.1	Exemption of pupils from mandatory immunizations
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 26:4-6	Prohibiting attendance of teachers or pupils
	<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6:3-8.1	Athletics Procedures
	<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:14-3.4	Evaluation
	<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:16-1.1et seq.	Programs to Support Student Development
	<i>See particularly:</i>	
	<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:16-1.3,-1.4, -1.5, 2.1,-2.2,-2.3,-2.4, -4.1, 4.3	
	<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:57-2	Reporting of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome and infection with Human Immunodeficiency Virus

**HEALTH EXAMINATIONS AND IMMUNIZATIONS (continued)****Legal References: (conitnued)**

<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:57-4.1	Applicability
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:57-4.2	Proof of immunization
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:57-4.3	Medical exemptions
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:57-4.4	Religious exemptions
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:57-4.5	Provisional admission
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:57-4.6	Documents accepted as evidence of immunization
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:57-4.7	Records required
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:57-4.8	Reports to be sent to the State Department of Health
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:57-4.9	Records available for inspection
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:57-4.10	Diphtheria and tetanus toxoids and pertussis vaccine
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:57-4.11	Poliovirus vaccine
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:57-4.12	Measles virus vaccine
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:57-4.13	Rubella vaccine
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:57-4.14	Mumps vaccine
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:57-4.15	Haemophilus influenza type b (Hib) conjugate vaccine
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:57-4.16	Providing immunization
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:57-4.17	Emergency powers of the State Commissioner of Health
<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:61-1.1	Attendance at school by pupils or adults infected by Human Immuno-deficiency Virus (HIV)

Plainfield Board of Education v. Cooperman, 105 NJ 587 (1987)

<b><u>Cross References:</u></b> *1410	Local units
*4123	Classroom aides
*5111	Admission
*5113	Absences and excuses
*5131.6	Drugs, alcohol, tobacco (substance abuse)
*5141	Health
*5141.21	Administering medication
*5200	Nonpublic school pupils
*6142.4	Physical education and health
*6145.1/6145.2	Intramural competition; interscholastic competition
*6164.4	Child study team
*6171.4	Special education

\*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.

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