

Series 5000: Students**Welfare****Health/Illness****Health Assessments and Immunizations**

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

To determine the health status of students, facilitate the removal of handicaps to learning, and find out whether some special adaptation of the school program may be necessary, the board of education may request that students have health assessments.

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 required health assessments.

The policies of the Southington Public Schools shall not be construed to require any pupil to undergo a physical or medical examination or treatment, or be compelled to receive medical instruction if the parent/guardian of such pupil, or the pupil, if such pupil is an emancipated minor or is eighteen years of age or older, in writing, notifies the teacher or principal or other person in charge of such pupil that he/she objects, on religious grounds, to such physical or medical examination or treatment or medical instruction.

If, in accordance with state law, a student presents a certificate from his/her physician certifying that in his/her opinion such vaccination or immunization would not be prudent on account of the student's physical condition, or a statement from his/her parent/guardian indicating that such vaccination or immunization would be contrary to his/her religious beliefs, or, in the case of immunization against mumps, measles, varicella, and rubella, a statement from a physician or director of health that the student has previously had the disease, the student shall be excused from this requirement. If such exemption is not permanent, written proof of continued exemption must be submitted annually. The school nurse or, in her/his absence, the building principal, shall be responsible for securing and verifying proof of compliance with the immunization requirement.

A tuberculin risk assessment is recommended prior to entering school and during each mandated health assessment.

New students from out of country are required to receive a mantoux tuberculin skin test.

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General Statutes of Connecticut

Chapter 169, Sections 10-204, 204a, and 208 P.A. 78-165

Commissioner's Circular Letter C8, Series 1978-79 P.A. 81-139

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

- 10-204 Vaccination
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