

Dickson County Board of Education

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1 **PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS¹**

2 The principal shall ensure that there is a complete physical examination of each student prior to:²

3 1. Entering Tennessee Public School for the first time. This applies to preschool, pre-k, kindergarten,
4 first grade and other students for whom there is no health record¹

5 2. Participation as a member of any athletic team or in any other strenuous physical activity program.³

6 Cost of the examination shall be borne by the parent/guardian of the student. These records shall be on
7 file in the principal's/designee's office.

8 Screening test as required by the Tennessee Department of Education and the Tennessee Department
9 of Health will be conducted. Parents/Guardians will receive written notice of any screening result that
10 indicates a condition that might interfere or tend to interfere with a student's progress. In general, the
11 district will not conduct physical examinations of a student without parental consent to do so or by
12 court order, unless the health or safety of the student or others is in question.⁴ Parent/guardian may
13 excuse their student from participating in health screenings that are part of a coordinated school health
14 program by submitting a request in writing to the school nurse, instructor, school counselor or
15 principal⁵

16 **IMMUNIZATIONS**

17 No students entering school, including those entering preschool, pre-k, kindergarten or first grade,
18 those from out-of-state nor those from nonpublic schools, will be permitted to enroll (or attend)
19 without proof of immunization, as determined by the Commissioner of Public Health, unless
20 circumstances outlined in state or federal law prevent a student from producing such records. It is the
21 responsibility of the parents or guardians to have their children immunized and to provide such proof
22 to the principal of the school which the student is to attend.⁶

23 Exceptions, in the absence of an epidemic or immediate threat thereof, will be granted to any child
24 whose parent or guardian shall file with school authorities a signed, written statement that such

¹ 20 USCA § 123h(c)

² TRR/MS 0520-01-13-.01(1)(a)

³ TRR/MS 0502-01-03-.08(2)(b)

⁴ Tennessee School Health Screening Guidelines

⁵ Public Acts of 2023 Chapter No 353 , Tennessee School Health Screening Guidelines

⁶ TCA 49-6-5001(a),(c)

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- 1 measures conflict with his/her religious tenets and practices⁷; or due to medical reasons if such child
2 has a written statement from his/her doctor excusing him from such immunization.⁸
- 3 Proof of exceptions will be in writing and filed in the same manner as other immunization records.
- 4 The Director of Schools shall ensure that appropriate immunization records are maintained for each
5 student.
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⁷ TCA 49-6-5001(b)(2)

⁸ TCA 49-6-5001©(2)