

OLDHAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY

PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS

9020

References: KRS 156.160; 214.034; 704 KAR 4:020; Pupil Rights and Protection Act, as amended by Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015

The Board shall require physical examinations for students as follows:

9020.01 INITIAL MEDICAL EXAMINATION; PROGRAM OF CONTINUOUS HEALTH

Upon enrollment, the Board shall require parents to submit a medical examination of each child conducted within twelve (12) months prior to his/her initial admission to school. The medical examination shall be reported on forms furnished by the Department of Education and shall include a medical history; record of immunizations; assessment of growth and development and general appearance; physical assessment including hearing and vision screening; and recommendations to the school regarding health problems that may require special attention in classroom or physical education activities. The Superintendent shall ensure there exists a program of continuous health supervision for all school enrollees; such supervision shall include scheduled screening tests for vision and hearing.

All initial enrollees to public school who are ages 3 years through 6 years shall provide documentation of a vision examination performed by an optometrist or ophthalmologist by January 1 of the school year. In addition, evidence of a dental screening or exam must be provided no later than January 1 of the first year a five or six-year-old is enrolled in school.

9020.011 SIXTH GRADE MEDICAL EXAMINATION

A second medical examination shall be required within one (1) year prior to entry into sixth grade. The medical examination shall be reported on forms prescribed by the department of education. This is required to be on file at time of enrollment.

Out of state transferring students will be allowed 30 days from time of enrollment to present a medical examination on a Kentucky physical examination form.

In state transferring students must present copies of current Kentucky immunization certificates and Kentucky medical examination at time of enrollment.

9020.02 REFERRAL AND FOLLOW-UP

An effective mechanism for referral and appropriate follow-up of any apparent abnormality noted by screening assessment or teacher observation shall be recorded on school health records within nine weeks of screening program or detection of abnormality. A parent/guardian will be notified in advance of any non-emergency invasive screening conducted by school officials and provided the opportunity to opt out of the screening.

9020.03 IMMUNIZATIONS

The Board shall require all vaccinations and immunizations as required by law or regulations:

1. Except as otherwise provided by law, all children shall be required to present a valid immunization certificate upon enrollment in school, and a valid up-to-date immunization certificate shall be on file on all children at all times.
2. Students transferring from another Kentucky school district must obtain a copy of their immunization certificate from the former district, or have a copy faxed to the Board prior to enrollment.
3. Out-of-state enrollees may be required to provide their out-of-state immunization documents to the Oldham County Health Department for transfer PRIOR to enrollment. Depending on your child's current immunization documents, we may be able to accept the certificate as is. If a Kentucky Certificate is necessary, the Oldham County Health Department will provide the parent or guardian with an Immunization Transfer Receipt, which is then submitted to the school to complete enrollment. The Oldham County Health Department is located at 1786 Commerce Parkway, LaGrange, Kentucky and can be reached by calling (502) 222-3516.
4. Failure to have a valid Kentucky immunization certificate on file for greater than two (2) weeks will result in the student's ineligibility to continue to attend Oldham County schools.

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5. This policy shall not apply to a student when, in the written opinion of the student's physician, such immunization would be injurious to the student's health, or if the students' parents object by a written sworn statement to the immunization on religious grounds.

9020.04 MEDICAL EXAMINATION REQUIRED FOR STRENUOUS ATHLETIC ACTIVITY

The school district shall require a medical examination for each child that engages in a strenuous, athletic, physical activity at the beginning of each school year in which he/she or he/she participates or more often as deemed necessary due to illness or injury.

9020.05 REQUIREMENT FOR STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

The Board shall require student accident insurance for all students participating in extra-curricular athletic activities and field trips. This requirement does not apply to middle and high school interscholastic athletes.