Students
HEALTH EXAMINATIONS

The County Superintendent and County Board recognize that periodic health examinations of students may lead to early detection and treatment of conditions that impact learning. Health examinations also may help in determining whether special adaptations of the school program are necessary.

The County Superintendent or designee shall verify that students have complied with legal requirements for a comprehensive health screening, an oral health assessment, and immunizations at school entry. In addition, the County Superintendent and County Board shall administer tests for vision, hearing, and scoliosis as required by law.

All students who participate as cheerleaders, song leaders, or athletes in organized competitive sports shall first undergo a medical examination and submit documentation of medical clearance to the County Superintendent or designee. Upon sustaining an injury or serious illness, a student may be required to have another examination before participating further. This requirement does not apply to participants in occasional play day or field day activities.

The County Superintendent or designee shall ensure that staff employed to examine students exercise proper care of each student and that examination results are kept confidential. Records related to these examinations shall be maintained and released only in accordance with law.

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LEGAL REFERENCE

Education Code
44871-44879 Employment qualifications
48980 Parental notifications
49400-49414.5 Student health, general powers of school boards
49422 Supervision of health and physical development
49450-49458 Physical examinations (of students)
49460-49466 Development of standardized health assessments

Health and Safety Code
1685-1686 Audiometrists
120325-120380 Immunization against communicable diseases
121475-121520 Tuberculosis tests for students
124025-124110 Child Health and Disability Prevention Program

Code of Regulations, Title 5
590-596 Vision screening
3027 Hearing and vision screening for special education
3028 Audiological screening
Code of Regulations, Title 17
2950-2951 Hearing tests

United States Code, Title 20
1232g  Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
1232h  Protection of student rights

MANAGEMENT RESOURCES
CSBA Publications
Expanding Access to School Health Services: Policy Considerations for Governing Boards, November 2008

California Department of Education Publications
Standards for Scoliosis Screening in California Public Schools, 2007

California Department of Health Care Services Publications
Manual for the School Audiometrist

U.S. Department of Education Publications
Joint Guidance on the Application of FERPA and HIPAA to Student Health Records, November 2008

Websites
CSBA: http://www.csba.org
California Department of Education, Health Services/School Nursing:
http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he/hn
California Department of Education, Type 2 Diabetes Information:
http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/he/hn/type2diabetes.asp
California Department of Health Care Services: http://www.dhcs.ca.gov

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