

**Regulation**

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HEALTH EXAMINATIONS AND IMMUNIZATIONS

Tuberculin Tests and Chest X-Rays

- A. The Mantoux intradermal tuberculin test using five tuberculin units (T.U.) of PPD tuberculin shall be administered to students as directed by the New Jersey Department of Health;
- B. A student shall be exempt who presents documentation of a prior significant reaction as evidenced by vesiculation following the administration of a multiple puncture tuberculin test, or a significant reaction (i.e., 10 mm or more of induration) following a Mantoux intradermal tuberculin test with five T.U.s of stabilized PPD tuberculin. Any other exemption from these requirements shall be because of medical contraindications subject to review by the school physician;
- C. All tuberculin reactors as defined above shall be referred to the family physician and appropriate official agency for necessary follow-up;
- D. Failure to comply with this regulation shall be sufficient cause to suspend or expel a student.

Immunizations

These regulations shall apply to all students who attend the Rahway Public School District:

- E. A student who has not submitted acceptable evidence of immunization according to the schedule specified by the New Jersey Department of Health shall not be admitted to or retained in the district, except when there are exemptions as noted in chapter 14 of the sanitary code;
- F. A student shall not be required to have any immunizations that are medically contraindicated. A written statement from any practitioner licensed to practice medicine or osteopathy in the United States that an immunization is medically contraindicated for a specified time period, and the reasons for the medical contraindication, will exempt a student from the specific immunization requirements for the time period the physician's statement specifies and shall be maintained by the school as part of the student's immunization record;
- G. A student shall be exempt from mandatory immunization if his or her parent/guardian objects for religious beliefs. A signed written statement must state that the proposed immunization interferes with the student's exercise of bona fide religious tenets or practices. This statement will become part of the student's immunization record. This exemption needs approval by the Rahway Board of Education. The exemption may be suspended by the New Jersey commissioner of health during an emergency situation as determined by the state health commissioner;
- H. A student may be admitted to school on a provisional basis if a physician or health department indicates that the student's immunization has already been initiated and that the student is in the process of complying with all immunization requirements. Such provisional admission shall be for a reasonable time period, but shall not exceed one year;
- I. These documents will be accepted as evidence of a student's immunization history, provided that the individual immunizations and the date when each immunization was administered is listed:
  - 1. An official school record from any school to indicate compliance with the regulated immunization requirements;
  - 2. A record from any public health department to indicate compliance with the regulated immunization requirements;

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3. A certificate signed by a practitioner licensed to practice medicine or osteopathy in the United States to indicate compliance with the immunization requirements.
- J. The district shall maintain immunization records for every student, which shall include the date of each individual immunization. A standard immunization record shall be maintained by the district on New Jersey Department of Health forms for all new school entrants under seven years old and for all students who transfer from out-of-state schools. When students transfer to other schools, this record shall be sent to the new school;
- K. The students' immunization status report shall be sent each year to the New Jersey Department of Health on its form by the superintendent. The report shall be limited to the immunization of school entrants and transfer students, and shall be submitted by the designated date each academic year. A copy of this report shall be sent to the local board of health;
- L. The superintendent shall allow immunization records to be inspected by authorized New Jersey Department of Health or the local board of health representatives.

Immunization requirements are based on the immunization schedule mandated by the New Jersey Department of Health as listed in the sanitary code.

Physical Examinations

- A. The district shall require parents/guardians to provide examination documentation of each student within 30 days upon enrolling into school;
- B. When a student is transferring to another school, the district shall ensure that student documentation of entry examination is forwarded to the transfer school district pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.4(d);
- C. Students transferring into the district from out-of-state or out-of-country may be allowed a 30-day period in order to obtain entry examination documentation;
- D. The district shall notify parents/guardians of the importance of obtaining subsequent medical examinations of the student at least once during each developmental stage, at early childhood (pre-school through grade 3), pre-adolescence (grade 4 through 6), and adolescence (grades 7 through 8).

Health Screenings

- A. All students are weighed and measured and their blood pressure taken annually;
- B. Vision testing shall be conducted biennially for students in kindergarten through grade 10. Vision testing also takes place for teacher referrals, special needs children, and children referred for child study team evaluations;
- C. Audiometric screening is done annually for students in kindergarten through grade 3 and in grade 7:
  1. New entrants without recent record of audiometric screening;
  2. Child study team referrals;
  3. Children with history of hearing loss;
  4. Any children with questionable hearing;
- D. A scoliosis screening for all students of age 10 and older will be conducted biennially in accordance with state law.
- E. Screening for COVID-19 or other communicable illness.

If there is a question about a child's vision, hearing, or physical health, the teacher should refer the child to the school nurse for examination of the suspected problem. The nurse or school physician will conduct the

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necessary examination and inform the parent/guardian if further professional advice is needed. Under no circumstances should the classroom teacher attempt to diagnose the problem and inform the parent/guardian of a need for a medical examination, or suggest a particular doctor for the parent/guardian to contact.

The school nurse shall contact parents/guardians about their child's health.

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