

ASSESSMENTS AND IMMUNIZATIONS

LEARN adheres to State laws and regulations that pertain to school immunization and health assessments. Pupils who are in violation of requirements for health assessment and/or immunizations shall be excluded from school after appropriate parental notice. The exceptions to this exclusion rule are students who meet the Federal definition of homeless.

The health assessments shall be required prior to enrollment to kindergarten, grades 7 and 10. In order for a medical assessment to be considered valid for those students entering 7th and 10th grade, the examination must be completed after the last day of grade 6 or grade 9 but prior to the first day of 7th or 10th grade. The prior enrollment requirement also applies to children registered in LEARN Schools Pre-Kindergarten (Pre-K) Program. A qualified physician/designee, which include an advanced practice nurse (APRN) or registered nurse or physician's assistant when licensed to do so, is to administer an appropriate health assessment within 12 months of the date of initial enrollment to be considered valid. Students transferring into a LEARN school from both out of state and in state schools systems must also meet minimum requirements for health assessment and immunization.

No record of any student's medical assessment may be open to the public. Parents/guardians may present a medical exemption form developed by the Department of Public Health (DPH), posted on the DPH website that their medical provider believes a required vaccination is medically contraindicated for their child based on the child's medical condition. The DPH form is to be signed by a physician, physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse.

Any child enrolled in kindergarten through twelfth grade on or before April 28, 2021, and whose parents/guardians had presented a religious exemption written request before April 28, 2021, will be permitted continued use of the exemption even if such child transfers to another school in Connecticut.

As required, the district will annually report to the Department of Public Health information required on the School Immunization Entry Survey.

Legal Reference:

Connecticut General Statutes

10-204 Vaccination

10-204a Required immunizations as amended by PA 96-244.

10-204c Immunity from liability

10-205 Appointment of school medical adviser

10-206 Health assessments (as amended by June Special Session PA 01-1)

10-207 Duties of medical advisors

10-206a Free health assessments

10-208 Exemption from examination or treatment

10-208a Physical activity of student restricted; board to honor notice

10-209 School nurses

10-212 School nurses

10-214 Vision, audiometric and postural screenings. When required. Notification of parents re defects; record of results, as amended by PA 96- 229, An Act Concerning Scoliosis Screening 20 U.S.C. Section 1232h, No Child Left Behind Act

Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (section 438 of the General

Education Provisions Act, as amended, added by section 513 of P.L. 93-568, codified at 20 U.S.C. 1232g)

42 U.S.C. 1320d-1320d-8, P.L. 104-191, Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA)

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