

San Dieguito Union High School District

Health Examinations

AR 5141.3

Students

The principal at each school shall notify parents/guardians/educational rights holders of the rights of students and parents/guardians/educational rights holders related to health examinations.

A parent/guardian/educational rights holder may annually file with the principal a written statement withholding consent to the physical examination of the student. Any such student shall be exempt from any physical examination but shall be subject to exclusion from attendance when contagious or infectious disease is reasonably suspected.

Vision Tests

Each student's vision shall be appraised, by the school nurse or other personnel authorized under Education Code 49452, during the kindergarten year or upon first enrollment or entry in a district elementary school and subsequently in grades 2, 5, and 8. However, a student who is tested upon first enrollment or entry in the district in grade 4 or 7 shall not be required to be appraised in the next immediate year.

The vision appraisal shall include tests for visual acuity, including near vision. Male students shall also be tested once for color vision in grade 1 or later and the results of the appraisal shall be entered in the student's health record.

Appraisal of a student's vision may be waived under either of the following conditions:

1. The student's parent/guardian/educational rights holder requests a waiver and presents a certificate from a physician/surgeon, physician assistant, or optometrist showing the results of an examination of the student's vision, including visual acuity and, in male students, color vision.
2. The student's parents/guardians/educational rights holders file with the principal a written statement that they adhere to the faith or teachings of any well-recognized religious sect, denomination, or organization and, in accordance with its creed, tenets, or principles depend for healing upon prayer in the practice of their religion.

Visual defects or any other defects found as a result of the vision examination shall be reported to the parent/guardian/educational rights holder with a request that remedial action be taken to correct or cure the defect. The report of a visual defect, if made in writing, shall be made on a form prescribed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction. The report shall not include a referral to any private practitioner. However, the student may be referred to a public clinic or diagnostic and treatment center operated by a public hospital or by the state, county, or city department of public health.

In addition to the vision appraisals described above, the school nurse and/or classroom teacher shall continually and regularly observe students' eyes, appearance, behavior, visual performance, and perception that may indicate vision difficulties.

Eye Examinations for the Purpose of Eyeglasses

In addition to the vision appraisals described above, the district may enter into a memorandum of

understanding with a nonprofit eye examination provider, including a mobile provider, to provide noninvasive eye examinations at a district school exclusively for the purpose of providing eyeglasses.

Prior to any eye examination, the school shall notify parents/guardians/educational rights holders of the upcoming eye examination and include a form that allows them to opt their student out of the examination. Parents/guardians/educational rights holders who have submitted a general opt-out written statement in accordance with Education Code 49451 are deemed to have opted out.

Parents/guardians/educational rights holders whose student receives an eye examination shall be provided a report by the provider in accordance with Education Code 49456.

Hearing Tests

The Superintendent or designee shall provide for the administration of hearing tests to district students by personnel authorized to conduct such testing pursuant to Education Code 49452 and 49454 and in accordance with the procedures specified in 17 CCR 2951.

Each student shall be given a hearing screening test at the following times:

1. Grade 8
2. Grade 10 or 11
3. Upon first entry into the California public school system

Each student enrolled in a special education program, other than those enrolled because of a hearing problem, shall be given a hearing test when enrolled in the program and every third year thereafter. Hearing tests may be given more frequently as needed, based on the individualized education program team's evaluation of the student.

A follow-up hearing threshold test shall be administered to any student who fails to respond to any of the required frequencies in the screening test or is otherwise determined to need further evaluation.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide written notification of test results to the parents/guardians/educational rights holders of any student who fails the hearing tests. When the test results fall within the levels specified in 17 CCR 2951 or there is evidence of pathology, such as an infection of the outer ear, chronic drainage, or a chronic earache, the notification shall include a recommendation that a further medical and audiological evaluation be obtained.

The dates and results of all screening tests and copies of threshold tests shall be included in the student's health records.

The principal or designee shall prepare an annual report of the school hearing testing program, using forms provided by the Department of Health Services, with copies to the Superintendent and the County Superintendent of Schools.

Scoliosis Screening

Each female student in grade 7 and each male student in grade 8 shall be screened for scoliosis.

The parent/guardian/educational rights holder of any student suspected of having scoliosis shall receive a notice which includes an explanation of scoliosis and describes the significance of treatment at an early age.

This notice shall also describe the public services available for treatment and include a referral to appropriate community resources.

Type 2 Diabetes Information

Because type 2 diabetes in children is a preventable and treatable disease, parents/guardians/educational rights holders are encouraged to have their student screened by an authorized health care practitioner for risk factors of the disease, including excess weight, and to request tests of their student's blood glucose to determine if the student has type 2 diabetes or pre-diabetes.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide parents/guardians/educational rights holders of incoming students in grade 7, or with the annual notifications pursuant to Education Code 48980, an information sheet developed by the CDE regarding type 2 diabetes, which includes:

1. A description of the disease and its risk factors and warning signs
2. A recommendation that students displaying or possibly suffering from risk factors or warning signs associated with type 2 diabetes be screened for the disease
3. A description of the different types of diabetes screening tests available
4. A description of treatments and prevention methods

The Superintendent or designee may provide information to parents/guardians/educational rights holders regarding public or private sources from which they may receive diabetes screening and education services for free or at reduced costs.

State

17 CCR 2950-2951

5 CCR 3027

5 CCR 3028

5 CCR 590-596

Ed. Code 44871-44879

Ed. Code 48980

Ed. Code 49400-49414.5

Ed. Code 49422

Ed. Code 49450-49458

Ed. Code 49460-49466

Gov. Code 17581.5

H&S Code 120325-120380

H&S Code 121475-121520

H&S Code 124025-124110

H&S Code 1685-1686

Federal

20 USC 1232g

20 USC 1232h

Management Resources

CA Department of Health Care Services

Publication

California Department of Education

Publication

Description

[Hearing tests](#)

Hearing and vision screening for special education

Audiological screening

Vision screening

Employment qualifications

Parent/Guardian notifications

Student health; general powers of school boards

Supervision of health and physical development

Physical examinations of students

Development of standardized health assessments

Specific costs mandated by the state

Immunization against communicable diseases

Tuberculosis tests for students

Child Health and Disability Prevention Program

Audiometrists

Description

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974

Privacy rights

Description

Manual for the School Audiometrist

Standards for Scoliosis Screening in California Public Schools,
2007

California Department of Education
Publication
CSBA Publication

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U.S. Department of Education Publication

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Website

A Guide for Vision Testing in California Public Schools, 2005

Expanding Access to School Health Services: Policy
Considerations for Governing Boards, November 2008

Promoting Oral Health for California's Students: New Roles, New
Opportunities for Schools, November 2008

Joint Guidance on the Application of FERPA and HIPAA to
Student Health Records, November 2008

[CSBA District and County Office of Education Legal Services](#)

[California Department of Education, Type 2 Diabetes Information](#)

[California Department of Education, Health Services and School
Nursing](#)

[California Department of Health Care Services](#)

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