

HEALTH EXAMINATIONS**TUBERCULOSIS TESTS**

No applicant shall be initially employed in a classified or certificated position unless, within the past 60 days, he/she has submitted to an intradermal tuberculin skin test or other approved tuberculin test and, if that test was positive, has subsequently obtained an x-ray of the lungs. The applicant shall submit to the district a certificate signed by an authorized health care provider indicating that he/she is free of active tuberculosis.

The cost of the pre-employment tuberculosis examination shall be paid by the applicant.

An applicant who was previously employed in another California school district or private or parochial school may fulfill the tuberculosis examination requirement either by producing a certificate showing that he/she was examined within the last four years and found to be free of active tuberculosis or by having his/her previous employer verify that it has on file a certificate which contains that evidence.

Every district employee who tests negative shall undergo a tuberculosis examination at least once every four years, or more often if so directed by the Governing Board upon recommendation of the county health officer, for as long as the employee's test remains negative. An employee with a documented positive test for tuberculosis infection shall no longer be required to submit to the examination but shall be referred to the county health officer within 30 days of the examination to determine the need for follow-up care.

Tuberculosis tests for employees shall be provided by the district or at district expense.

If an employee's religious belief prevents him/her from undergoing a tuberculosis examination, the employee shall file an affidavit stating that he/she adheres to the faith or teachings of a well-recognized religious sect, denomination, or organization and, in accordance with its creed, tenets, or principles, depends for healing upon prayer in the practice of religion and that, to the best of his/her knowledge or belief, he/she is free from active tuberculosis. In order to exempt the individual, the Board shall determine by resolution, after a hearing, that the health of students would not be jeopardized.

The Superintendent or designee may exempt from the tuberculosis testing requirement classified employees who are employed for less than a school year if their functions do not require frequent or prolonged contact with students.

The Superintendent or designee may exempt a pregnant employee from the requirement that a positive tuberculin skin test be followed by an x-ray of the lungs, for a period not to exceed 60 days following termination of the pregnancy.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATION FOR COMMUNICABLE DISEASES FOR CERTIFICATED EMPLOYEES

The Board shall not fill a position requiring certification with an applicant who has not previously been employed in a certificated position in California or a retirant who has not been employed as a retirant, unless the district has on file a medical certification completed and submitted directly to the district by an authorized health care provider.

The medical certification shall certify that the applicant or retirant is free from any disabling disease which would render him/her unfit to instruct or associate with children. The medical examination referred to in the certificate must have been conducted within six months of the date that the certificate is filed.

Applicants and retirants shall pay for the cost of obtaining the medical certification.

MENTAL EXAMINATION FOR CERTIFICATED EMPLOYEES

A certificated employee may be suspended or transferred to other duties if the Board has reasonable cause to believe that the employee is suffering from mental illness of such a degree as to render him/her incompetent to perform his/her duties. In such a case, the district shall follow the process specified in Education Code 44942 and the district's collective bargaining agreement, including the opportunity for the employee to be examined by a panel of psychiatrists or psychologists.

LEGAL REFERENCE:**EDUCATION CODE**

44839 Medical certificate; periodic medical examination
44839.5 Requirements for employment of retirant
44932 Grounds for dismissal of permanent employee
44942 Suspension or transfer of certificated employee on ground of mental illness
45122 Physical examinations
49406 Examination for tuberculosis

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS CODE

2700-2838 Nurses
3500-3546 Physician assistants

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

121525 Private and parochial school employees, examination for tuberculosis

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

5502 Filing of notice of physical examination for employment of retired persons
5503 Physical examination for employment of retired persons
5504 Medical certification procedures

COURT DECISIONS

Doe v. Lincoln Unified School District, (2010) 188 Cal.App.4th 758

Leonel v. American Airlines, Inc., (2005) 400 F.3d. 702

Raven v. Oakland Unified School District, (1989) 213 Cal.App.3d 1347

MANAGEMENT RESOURCES:**WEB SITES**

California Department of Public Health: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <http://www.cdc.gov>

Public Health Institute: <http://www.phi.org>

U.S. Food and Drug Administration: <http://www.fda.gov>