

PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS OF STUDENTS

No pupil is admitted for the first time to any public kindergarten or elementary school in Essex County Public Schools Division unless such pupil furnishes, prior to admission,

- a report from a qualified licensed physician, or a licensed nurse practitioner or licensed physician assistant acting under the supervision of a licensed physician, of a comprehensive physical examination of a scope prescribed by the State Health Commissioner performed within the 12 months prior to the date such pupil first enters such public kindergarten or elementary school; or
- records establishing that such pupil furnished such report upon prior admission to another school or school division and providing the information contained in such report.

If the pupil is a homeless child or youth as defined in Va. Code § 22.1-3, and for that reason cannot furnish the required report or records, and the person seeking to enroll the pupil furnishes to the Essex County Public Schools division an affidavit so stating and also indicating that, to the best of the person's knowledge, such pupil is in good health and free from any communicable or contagious disease, the Essex County Public Schools division immediately refers the student to the division's homeless liaison, who, as soon as practicable, assists in obtaining the necessary physical examination by the local health department or other clinic or physician's office and immediately admits the pupil to school.

The health care provider making a report of a physical examination shall, at the end of such report, summarize the abnormal physical findings, if any, and shall specifically state what, if any, conditions are found that would identify the child as having a disability.

Physical examination reports are placed in the child's health record at the school and made available for review by any employee or official of the State Department of Health or any local health department at the request of such employee or official.

A physical examination is not required of any child whose parent or guardian objects on religious grounds and who shows no visible evidence of sickness. The parent or guardian shall state in writing that, to the best of the parent or guardian's knowledge, the child is in good health and free from any communicable or contagious disease.

The health departments of the counties and cities of the Commonwealth conduct such required physical examinations for medically indigent children, upon request, without charge and may provide such examinations to others on such uniform basis as the departments establish.

Parents/guardians of students entering school shall complete a health information form as required by state law. Such forms shall be returned within 15 days

of receipt unless reasonable extensions have been granted by the superintendent or superintendent's designee. Upon failure of the parent to complete such form within the extended time, the superintendent may send the parent written notice of the date he intends to exclude the child from school; however, no child who is a homeless child or youth as defined in subdivision 6 of Va. Code § 22.1-3 shall be excluded from school for such failure to complete such form.

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