

TRUMBULL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
POLICY MANUAL

SECTION: **5000**
CATEGORY: **Students**
POLICY CODE: **5141.3/Health Assessments
and Immunizations**

HEALTH ASSESSMENTS AND IMMUNIZATIONS

Policy Statement

The Trumbull Board of Education and Connecticut General Statutes require students to have health assessments, including required immunizations, conducted by a physician, physician assistant, advanced practice registered nurse, or local health agency. In accordance with Connecticut General Statutes, the Board also recognizes the importance of oral health assessments and adheres to all relevant State laws and regulations.

The Board of Education shall provide required health assessments and immunizations without charge to all students whose parents or guardians meet the income eligibility requirements for free and reduced-price meals under the National School Lunch Program. The Board may utilize existing community resources and services to meet this obligation.

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References

- Connecticut General Statutes 10-204, 10-204a, & 10-206
- Connecticut Public Act 15-242
- Connecticut Public Act 18-168

Regulations

1. The parents or guardian of a student enrolling in the Trumbull Public Schools will be informed of this policy in writing at the time of registration and will be provided with the State of Connecticut Department of Education Health Assessment Record Form.
2. Each student, before initial attendance in the Trumbull Public Schools, shall have had a health assessment within the preceding year. Each student transferring from outside of the State of Connecticut shall produce a cumulative health record or certified true copy from the previous school district.
3. Students entering kindergarten shall produce evidence of either a 5-year-old-child physical or, in the case of a 4-year-old, a 4-year-old-child physical. If the child turns 5 during the course of the school year, evidence of a 5-year-old-child physical must be produced within 30 days of the child's 5th birthday.
4. All other students continuing in district shall have a health assessment at least once in each three-year interval: in grade three, grade six, and grade nine. The procedure for the completion of the health assessment requirements is as follows:
 - a. In May of each school year, principals will notify the parents or guardians of all students in grades two, five, and eight of the health assessment policy and immunization requirements. Health assessment forms are available in each school and online.
 - b. By January 31st of each school year, principals will notify the parents and guardians of students in grades three, six and nine of this policy and that a student may not attend classes after June 1st if the health assessment requirements have not been completed.
5. Each health assessment shall include such physical examination, screenings, and immunizations as required by the State of Connecticut and documented on the State of Connecticut Department of Education Health Assessment Record Form.
6. A student may be exempt from the immunization requirement if s/he:
 - a. presents a certificate from a physician, physician assistant, advanced practice registered nurse, or local health agency certifying that such immunization is medically contraindicated because of the physical condition of the student;
 - b. in the case of measles, mumps, or rubella, presents a certificate from a physician, physician assistant, or advanced practice registered nurse or from the director of health in the student's present or previous town of residence, stating that the child has had a confirmed case of such disease;
 - c. in the case of hemophilus influenzae type B, has passed his fifth birthday;
 - d. in the case of pertussis, has passed his/her sixth birthday; or
 - e. presents a written statement from the parent or guardian that such immunization would be contrary to the religious beliefs of the student or the student's parent or guardian, and such statement is acknowledged by a judge, a family support magistrate, a clerk or deputy of the court, a town clerk, a notary public, a justice of the peace, an attorney admitted to the Connecticut bar, or a school nurse. Such

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acknowledged statement must be provided to the District prior to the student's enrollment in the District and again prior to the student entering grade 7.

7. For a student who is eligible to have his/her health assessments or immunizations provided by the Board of Education, such assessments or immunizations shall be made in the presence of the parent/guardian or in the presence of another school representative. The parent/guardian shall receive prior written notice and shall have reasonable opportunity to be present.
8. In addition to the mandated health assessments performed at the grade levels described above, screenings shall be performed by school nurses as separate regularly scheduled procedures.
 - Vision screening: grades K, 1, 3, 4, & 5
 - Audiometric screening: grades K, 1, 3, 4, & 5
 - Postural screening: grades 5 & 7 for female students; grade 9 for male students
9. Written notification will be given to the parent(s)/guardian(s) of any student who did not receive any regularly scheduled screening, as well as to the parent(s)/guardian(s) of any student who does not pass the standard at any regularly scheduled screening, encouraging follow-up with the student's primary health care provider.
10. The results of the health assessments, screenings, and further tests or treatment provided as a result of screenings or assessments shall be recorded in the student's health file in the nurse's office of the school the student attends.
11. Where the results of a student's health assessment or screening suggest a health problem that may affect the educational progress of such student, the student's teacher(s) and other appropriate school personnel shall be informed as deemed necessary by the school nurse.
12. Parents/guardians are encouraged to have oral health assessments for their child(ren) prior to public school enrollment, in either grade 6 or grade 7, and in either grade 9 or grade 10. The results of an oral health assessment conducted pursuant to the guidelines set forth by the State of Connecticut shall be recorded on forms developed by the State of Connecticut Department of Education and shall be recorded in the student's health file in the nurse's office of the school the student attends. Appropriate school health personnel shall review the results of any such oral health assessment. If it is determined that the child needs further testing or treatment, the Superintendent shall give written notice to the child's parent(s)/guardian(s) and shall make reasonable efforts to ensure that further testing or treatment is provided. The results of the further testing or treatment must be recorded on the assessment form and reviewed by school health personnel for potential additional further testing or treatment. A child's public school enrollment or continued attendance in public school shall not be denied for his/her failure to receive an oral health assessment.