

STRAFFORD ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #44
Strafford School District
Strafford, New Hampshire

POLICY #JLCAB – HEALTH EXAMINATIONS AND IMMUNIZATIONS

There shall be a completed physical/medical examination by a licensed physician, with written proof, thereof, of each child enrolled in the Strafford School System.

All incoming Kindergartners and/or new first graders must have had a physical examination with in the last **twelve** months prior to entering into the Strafford School System. All transferring students from other districts must have had a physical examination in the last **twenty-four** months prior to entry into the Strafford School System. A grace period of thirty days is allowed for children either transferring or enrolling for the first time if documentation shows that s/he has received at least one dose of the required immunizations and an appointment date for examination is scheduled and documented. If a physical is not done within the grace period of thirty days the child may be excluded from school for non-compliance.

Any student, who wishes to participate in any school offered sport, must provide proof of a physical examination within the last two years of desired sports start. The examination must have been performed prior to signing up for that sport and actually state that the student is cleared for the sport of choice. The student will not be allowed to participate without the examination on file in the student's school health record.

No medical exam shall be required of a child whose parents/guardian objects thereto in writing on the grounds that such medical examination is contrary to their religious tenets and teachings. This exclusion requires a **notarized signature** attesting to any conflicts with their religious preferences

New Hampshire State Law **RSA 541-A: 14** requires all students in New Hampshire to be immunized against Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Polio, Chicken Pox, and Hepatitis B prior to enrollment in any school. Students may also present laboratory evidence of immunity.

Currently the State New Hampshire requires (prior to school entry) a minimum of four doses of DPT, three doses POLIO, two doses of MMR, three doses of HEP B, and one dose of VARICELLA. Five doses of DPT and four doses of POLIO if before fourth birthday.

The school nurse will do a health assessment of all students according to the following schedule:

All students in grades Kindergarten through eight will receive vision, hearing, height and weight screenings according to New Hampshire State Law annually.

All students in grade five through eight will be screened annually for scoliosis.

All students at all grade levels shall be assessed as needed when signs, symptoms or any concerns arise in regards to what The State of New Hampshire deems as "nuisance" diseases appear.

If any student presents with a problem, possible defect or disability discovered by any observation, screening or medical examinations performed at school a parent/guardian will be informed and counseled as soon as possible. The appropriate school authority, such as the school nurse, shall refer any difficulties requiring further evaluation to a licensed practitioner. The school nurse may make home visits, arrange parent conferences, or send written notices in regard to medical or health problems as are found to be necessary.

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HOME STUDY STUDENTS

Any student who is home-schooled, but participates in school activities or interscholastic sports must provide proof of complete medical examination by a licensed physician and meet New Hampshire immunization requirements prior to signing up for that activity as all in house students must.

The physical examination must have been performed within the past **two years**. All forms are available at the schools front office or school nurse's office.

Students **will not** be allowed to participate without meeting these requirements stated. The documentation will be kept on file in the School Nurse's office.