

ASSESSMENTS AND IMMUNIZATIONS

LEARN adheres to State laws and regulations that pertain to school immunization and health assessments. Pupils who are in violation of requirements for health assessment and/or immunizations shall be excluded from school after appropriate parental notice. The exceptions to this exclusion rule are students who meet the Federal definition of homeless.

The health assessments shall be required prior to enrollment to kindergarten and during grades 7 and 10. The prior enrollment requirement also applies to children registered in LEARN Schools Pre-Kindergarten (Pre-K) Program. A qualified physician/designee, which include an advanced practice nurse (APRN) or registered nurse or physician's assistant when licensed to do so, is to administer an appropriate health assessment within 12 months of the date of initial enrollment to be considered valid. Students transferring into a LEARN school from both out of state and in state schools systems must also meet minimum requirements for health assessment and immunization.

No record of any student's medical assessment may be open to the public. Exemptions from this requirement on the basis of medical or religious reasons can be obtained if parent or guardian provides written notice on appropriate District forms. Medical exemptions must include physician's written statement of contraindication according to State law.

As required, beginning school year 2003-2004, the district will annually report to the Department of Public Health and to the local health director the asthma data obtained through the required asthma assessments, including student demographics. The district, as required, will also participate in annual school surveys conducted by the Department of Public Health pertaining to asthma.

Legal Reference:

Connecticut General Statutes

10-204 Vaccination

10-204a Required immunizations as amended by PA 96-244.

10-204c Immunity from liability

10-205 Appointment of school medical adviser

10-206 Health assessments (as amended by June Special Session PA 01-1)

10-207 Duties of medical advisors

10-206a Free health assessments

10-208 Exemption from examination or treatment

10-208a Physical activity of student restricted; board to honor notice

10-209 School nurses

10-212 School nurses

10-214 Vision, audiometric and postural screenings. When required. Notification of parents re defects; record of results, as amended by PA 96- 229, An Act Concerning Scoliosis Screening 20 U.S.C. Section 1232h, No Child Left Behind Act

Federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (section 438 of the General

Education Provisions Act, as amended, added by section 513 of P.L. 93-568, codified at
20 U.S.C. 1232g)
42 U.S.C. 1320d-1320d-8, P.L. 104-191, Health Insurance Portability and Accountability
Act of 1996 (HIPAA)

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