

HEALTH EXAMINATIONS

Note: Effective June 30, 2016, districts are no longer required by state law to provide for or require each child to have a physical examination upon entry into school and at regular intervals as determined by the school board. The requirement that school districts provide vision and hearing screening examinations remains. While districts are no longer required to provide for and require physical examinations of every child attending school, the Department of Health and Social Services may require the district to conduct physical examinations it considers necessary and may reimburse the district for examinations. The following optional policy may be revised or deleted as necessary.

The School Board recognizes the importance of periodic health examinations. To determine the health status of students, facilitate the removal of handicaps to learning, and determine whether special adaptations of the school program may be necessary, the School Board shall require vision and hearing screening examinations upon entry into school or as soon as practical.

All personnel employed to examine students shall exercise proper care of each student being examined and shall ensure that the examination results are kept confidential.

Note: If a school district will be using federal money to perform exams or screenings on students, the district must annually notify parents of the exam or screening, except for hearing, vision, or scoliosis screenings. The following language implements federal law.

The district will annually notify parents of physical exams or screenings of students, except for routine vision, hearing, or scoliosis screenings.

(cf. 5112.2 – Exclusions from Attendance)
(cf. 5141.22 – Infectious Diseases)

Legal Reference:

ALASKA STATUTES

- 14.30.065 *Suspension*
- 14.30.070 *Physical examination required*
- 14.30.127 *Vision and hearing screening examinations*

ALASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

- 4 AAC 06.055 *Immunizations required*

UNITED STATES CODE

- 42 U.S.C. §§ 12101 *et seq.* (2014)
- 20 U.S.C. §§ 1232g (2013)
- 20 U.S.C. §§ 1232H (2002)
- 29 U.S.C. § 794(a) (2002)
- 34 C.F.R. pt. 99 (2011)