

## HEALTH ASSESSMENTS

### **5141.1.**

Each local or regional Board of Education shall require each child to have a health assessment prior to school enrollment. The assessment shall include:

- A complete physical examination, along with the mandated screenings/tests required under Connecticut state law. These include hematocrit or hemoglobin tests, height, weight and blood pressure;
- An updating of immunizations as required under Sections 10-204, 10-204a and PA 91-327;
- Vision, hearing, speech and gross dental screenings; and
- Such other information, including health and developmental history as appropriate.

New students entering the Meriden School System must have health assessments prior to the first day of entry into school. Such assessments must be conducted by a legally qualified health care practitioner and performed within one year of the first day of school attendance. Such students must also show proof of updated immunizations prior to entry into school. A student seeking to enroll without evidence of the required assessment shall not be enrolled unless exempted by statute or regulation.

Students entering 6th grade and 10th grade must have health assessments prior to the first day of entry into such grades. Health assessments must be conducted by a legally qualified health care practitioner and performed during the 5th grade and 9th grade year respectively and submitted by the first day of school attendance in such grade. Such students must also show proof of updated immunizations prior to entry into school.

Health assessments are required annually for all students participating in interscholastic athletics. These health assessments must be conducted after May 1st of each calendar year.

Health assessments may be provided in the schools in conformance with administrative regulations and such examinations are made in the presence of the parent or guardian or in the presence of a school employee. The parent or guardian of such child shall receive prior written notice and shall have a reasonable opportunity to be present for such assessment or to provide for such assessment.

A report of the health assessment conducted by the health care provider must be submitted to the school on the required health assessment form and will be included in the child's cumulative health record.

An exemption is granted to a parent, guardian or emancipated minor who notifies in writing the school or other person in charge of the objection to a health assessment or immunizations on religious grounds.

### **Legal Reference:**

Connecticut General Statutes, Sections 10-204, 10-204a, 10-206, 10-208 and PA 91-327

Public Act 07-58 An Act Concerning Health Assessments For Adolescents

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