

## Students

### Health Assessment and Immunizations

#### Prior Admittance to School

To be in compliance with Section 1-206 of Connecticut Statutes, the Norwalk Board of Education requires a health assessment before entering the school system. The assessment may be performed by any legally qualified practitioner of medicine (MD or DO), an advanced practice registered nurse or registered nurse, a physician assistant, or the school medical advisor. Findings of the assessment must be recorded and signed by the provider and submitted on the State of Connecticut Department of Education Health Assessment Record, as is required by statute. The health assessment must be dated within one year of the date that the student will enter the Norwalk Public School system. When the health assessment cannot be provided through private or community resources, an appointment for a health assessment may be explored through the School Health Services.

A health assessment may not be required if parent/guardian objects in writing on religious grounds.

Assessment of the risk of exposure to tuberculosis is required for all new enterers. The provider must record results of that assessment on the student's Health Assessment Record. If the student is determined to be at risk for exposure to TB, he/she must be tested. A positive test result requires the development of a medical management plan by the health care provider that includes a chest radiograph and appropriate treatment.

All students must provide evidence of immunizations as required under Sections 10-204 and 10-204a of the Connecticut General Statutes.

#### Follow-Up Health Assessment

In Norwalk, health assessments are required in grades six (6) and nine (9). It is advisable that the student's regular health care provider perform these assessments. Risk of exposure to tuberculosis must be assessed by the provider and recorded on the Health Assessment Record. If the student is determined to be at risk for exposure to TB, he/she must be tested. A positive test result requires the development of a medical management plan by the health care provider that includes a chest radiograph and appropriate treatment.

When a health assessment cannot be provided through private or community resources, an appointment for a health assessment may be explored through School Health Services. Parent/guardian is invited to be present during the health assessment.

An accurate up-to-date cumulative health record for each student shall be filed in the school he/she attends.

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Students shall not be permitted to compete on interscholastic teams without prior health assessment and approval by any legally qualified practitioner of medicine (MD or DO), an advanced practice registered nurse, a physician assistant, or the school medical advisor. This health assessment must be documented on the revised (4/2010 or later) State of Connecticut Department of Education Health Assessment Record and performed within the past 13 months of student participation in interscholastic sports. Signed permission of parents is also required.

Referrals to Health Services

Staff members are expected to be observant of all students for any abnormal physical signs or symptoms. All students showing any signs of illness are to be referred immediately to the school nurse, principal, or guidance counselor.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes  
 10-204 Vaccination  
 10-204a Required immunizations (as amended by P.A. 84-46)  
 10-204c Immunity from liability  
 10-205 Appointment of school medical advisers  
 10-206 Health assessments  
 10-206a Free health assessments  
 10-207 Duties of medical advisers  
 10-208 Exemption from examination or treatment

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