

Cottonwood Joint School District No. 242

STUDENTS

3500

Student Health/Physical Screenings/Examinations

The District will provide programs, services, and personnel to help provide a healthful school environment. The Superintendent may arrange each year for health services to be provided to all students. Such services may include, but are not be limited to:

1. The maintenance of student health records;
2. The development of procedures and designation of facilities at each building for the isolation and temporary care of students who become ill during the school day;
3. The consulting services of a qualified specialist for staff, students, and parents;
4. Vision and hearing screening;
5. Scoliosis screening; and
6. Immunization as provided by the Department of Health and Human Services; and
7. Establishing procedures to assure compliance with State laws regarding immunization for all students entering grades preschool through 12.

A registered school nurse may be hired on a part time basis to assist with health problems and records, to serve as a liaison between the school and the home, to provide health and hygiene checks, and to administer hearing and vision screening. The school nurse shall be on call for any unusual health related circumstances that may arise.

The District will also cooperate with other county, regional, and State health officials in providing health services to the students.

Parents/guardians will receive a written notice of any screening result which indicates a condition that might interfere or tend to interfere with a student's progress.

In general, the District will not conduct physical examinations of a student without parental consent to do so or by court order, unless the health or safety of the student or others is in question. Further, parents will be notified of the specific or approximate dates during the school year when any non-emergency, invasive physical examination or screening administered by the District is conducted which is:

1. Required as a condition of attendance;
2. Administered by the school and scheduled by the school in advance; and
3. Not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of the student or other students.

Parents or eligible students will be given the opportunity to opt out of the above-described non-emergency, invasive physical examination or screening.

As used in this policy, the term “invasive physical examination” means any medical examination involving the exposure of private body parts or any act during such examination that includes incision, insertion, or injection into the body, but this does not include a hearing, vision, or scoliosis screening.

Students who wish to participate in certain extracurricular activities may be required to submit to a physical examination to verify their ability to participate in the activity. Students participating in activities governed by the Idaho High School Activities Association will be required to follow the rules of that organization, as well as other applicable District policies, rules, and regulations.

All parents will be notified of the requirements of the District’s policy on physical examinations and screening of students, at least annually at the beginning of the school year and within a reasonable period of time after any substantive change in the policy.

Legal Reference: General Education Provisions Act, 20 U.S.C. 1232h(b)
I.C. § 33-512 Governance of Schools
I.C. § 39-4801 Immunization Required
I.D.A.P.A. 08.02.03.160 Safe Environment and Discipline

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