

**Immunization, Physical Examinations, Vision Screening/
Eye Examinations and Dental Screenings****

Sports Physicals

Students in grades 6 through 12 must have a physical examination performed by a physician possessing an unrestricted license to practice medicine, a licensed naturopathic physician, a licensed physician assistant, a certified nurse practitioner or a licensed chiropractic physician who has clinical training and experience in detecting cardiopulmonary diseases and defects, prior to participation in extracurricular sports. "Participation," as used in this policy, means participation in sports practices and interscholastic sports competition.

Students who participate in extracurricular sports are required to have a physical examination every two years. The physical examination is the responsibility of the parents/students and is to be paid for by the parents/students. All students participating in athletic programs are required to submit to the district a School Sports Pre-participation Examination¹ form prior to their initial participation in a district athletic program. The form is to be completed and signed by a parent or guardian and physician giving permission for the student to participate.

The district may require a student have an additional physical examination if he/she has had an injury, surgery, diagnosis of a significant disease or illness in the past year.

Any participant who has an injury or illness and has been under the care of a physician must return a form signed by qualified, medical personnel before participation.

Immunizations

Proof of immunization must be presented prior to the time of initial enrollment in school or within 30 days of transfer to the district. Proof consists of a signed Certificate of Immunization Status form documenting either evidence of immunization or a religious, philosophical beliefs and/or medical exemption.² The building administrator/designee is authorized by the Oregon Health Authority to exclude any student from school attendance for noncompliance with State statutes and rules regarding immunization. The building administrator/designee will notify the parent or guardian in writing of the reason for the exclusion, stating that the student will continue to be excluded until the student has complied with the requirements.

¹Form available at <http://www.osaa.org/governance/forms>

²Documentation requirements for exemptions are outlined in ORS 433.267.

Vision Screening or Eye Examination

The parent or guardian of a student who is 7 years of age or younger and is beginning an education program with the district for the first time shall, within 120 days of beginning the education program, submit a certification that the student has received:

1. A vision screening or eye examination; and
2. Any further examination, treatments or assistance necessary.

The certification is not required if the parent or guardian provides a statement to the district that:

1. The student submitted a certification to a prior education provider; or
2. The vision screening or eye examination is contrary to the religious beliefs of the student or the parent or guardian of the student.

Dental Screening

The district shall file in the student's dental health record any dental screening certifications and any results of a dental screening known by the district. The district will provide to the parent or guardian of each student, standardized information developed by the Oregon Health Authority's dental director regarding dental screenings, further examinations or necessary treatments and preventative care including fluoride varnish, sealants and daily brushing and flossing.

The parent or guardian of a student who is 7 years of age or younger and is beginning an education program with the district for the first time, shall submit a certification within 120 days of beginning the education program, that the student has received a dental screening within the previous 12 months.

The certification is not required if the parent or guardian provides a statement to the district that:

1. The student submitted a certification to a prior education provider;
2. The dental screening is contrary to the religious beliefs of the student or the parent or guardian of the student; or
3. The dental screening is a burden for the student or the parent or guardian of the student in the following ways:
 - a. The cost of obtaining the dental screening is too high;
 - b. The student does not have access to an approved screener;
 - c. The student was unable to obtain an appointment with an approved screener.

The certification may be provided by a licensed dentist, a dental hygienist or a health care practitioner as defined by state law. The certification must include the:

1. Student's name;
2. Date of screening; and

3. Name of entity conducting the dental screening.

The district shall submit to the Oregon Department of Education a report that identifies the percentage of students who failed to submit the certification for the previous year, no later than October 1 of each year.

The notice will also inform the parent or guardian that a hearing will be afforded upon request by the Oregon Health Authority.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 326.580](#)

[ORS 336.211](#)

[ORS 336.213](#)

[ORS 336.479](#)

[ORS 433.235 to -433.280](#)

[OAR 333-019-0010](#)

[OAR 333-050-0010 to -0120](#)

[OAR 581-021-0017](#)

[OAR 581-021-0031](#)

[OAR 581-021-0041](#)

[OAR 581-022-0705](#)

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