

Immunization, Physical Examination, Vision Screening/Eye Examination and Dental Screening**

Immunization

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.¹

Physical Examination

Students in grades 7 and 10 are to have a school sports 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 practice and competition in athletics. The examination should be performed no earlier than May 1 of the preceding school year.

Students in grades 8, 9, 11 and 12 who have met the physical examination required as indicated above must have a "Parents Permission form" filled out before they can participate in any athletic practice or contest. This permission form is to be completed by the parents and signed, with their permission for their child to participate and that acknowledges their responsibility to provide insurance coverage. The district may require a student to have an additional physical examination if he or she has had an injury, surgery, diagnosis of a significant disease or illness.

A student new to the district is required to have an school sports physical examination if he or she has not had the required Oregon medical examination or its equivalent.

Any participant who has an injury or illness and has been under the care of a physician must have a "Return to Play" form signed by the physician before returning to participation.

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

¹Documentation requirements for exemptions are outlined in ORS 433.267.

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.

If the district is causing the dental screening to be conducted, the district will follow the requirements of law.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 326.580](#)

[ORS 336.211](#)

[ORS 336.213](#)

[ORS 336.214](#)

[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 581-022-2220](#)

OREGON SCHOOL ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION, *OSAA HANDBOOK*.

Cross Reference(s):

IGDJ - Interscholastic Activities