

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

The Board recommends that all students initially enrolling in school have a physical examination. Parents will be asked to complete a district Health History form when initially enrolling their student in the district and when registering them for seventh grade.

All students participating in athletic programs are required to submit to the district a School Sports Pre-participation Examination² 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.

A student who is subsequently diagnosed with a significant illness or has had a major surgery is required to have a physical examination prior to further participation in extracurricular sports.

A student who continues to participate in extracurricular sports in grades 7 through 12 shall be required to complete a physical examination once every two years, thereafter.

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.

¹Documentation requirements for exemptions are outlined in ORS 433.267.

²Form available at <http://www.osaa.org/governance/forms>

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 (ODE) 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.

Hearing Screening

1. Hearing screenings shall be offered annually for all students, per *Hearing Screening Guidelines* published by the ODE, in as many of the following categories as resources allow, starting with:
 - a. First entry into school;
 - b. Every year from pre-kindergarten through 3rd grade;
 - c. Grades 7 and 11;
 - d. Upon entrance into special education;
 - e. Upon grade repetition;
 - f. Parent or guardian or school staff referrals.

School-age children who already receive regular audiologic management need not participate in the district's screening program.

The frequency of screenings and the identification of the students to be tested will be determined in consultation with appropriate local health care providers.

2. Hearing screening programs will be conducted under the direction of a licensed audiologist, a speech language pathologist or the school nurse. The professional conducting the screening has the responsibility for training and monitoring screening activities.
3. Parents will be informed when hearing screenings will occur and will have the option to decline the service. Notice will be provided to parents or guardians in the student/parent handbook or by other notice as allowed.
4. Students will be informed of rationale and process to afford informed assent. Students shall not be screened against their will.
5. The district must provide adequate time, student supervision and environmental space to ensure appropriate assessment and individual privacy.
6. Students will be rescreened, as needed, per the ODE guidelines.
7. Results of all screenings and testing will be shared with parents or guardians.
8. Documentation should reflect screening and testing results and when parents or guardians, or students, decline screening and/or testing.

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](#)

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