

KIPP: Nashville Board of Directors

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1 **PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS¹**

2 It is the responsibility of school's director of operations to ensure that there is a complete
3 physical examination of each student prior to:

- 4 1. Entering school for the first time;² and
- 5 2. Participation as a member of any athletic team or in any other strenuous physical
6 activity program.³

7 Cost of the examination shall be borne by the parent or guardian of the student. These records
8 shall be on file at the school where the child attends.

9 Screening tests as required by the Tennessee Department of Education and the Department of
10 Health will be conducted. Parents/Guardians will receive written notice of any screening result
11 that indicates a condition that might interfere or tend to interfere with a student's progress.

12 In general, the school will not conduct physical examinations of a student without parental
13 consent to do so or by court order, unless the health or safety of the student or others is in
14 question.⁴

15 **IMMUNIZATIONS**

16 No students entering school, including those entering kindergarten or first grade, those from
17 out-of-state and those from nonpublic schools, will be permitted to enroll (or attend) without
18 proof of immunization, as determined by the Commissioner of Public Health.^{2,5} It is the
19 responsibility of the parents or guardians to have their children immunized and to provide such
20 proof to the school which the student is to attend.⁵ KIPP Nashville will keep the proof of
21 immunization provided by the parents or guardians in each student's cumulative record.

22 Exceptions, in the absence of an epidemic or immediate threat thereof, will be granted to any
23 child whose parent or guardian shall file with school authorities a signed, written statement
24 that such measures conflict with his/her religious tenets and practices; or due to medical
25 reasons if such child has a written statement from his/her doctor excusing him from such
26 immunization.⁶ Proof of exceptions will be in writing and filed in the same manner as other
27 immunization records.

- 1 A list of transfer students shall be kept at each school in order that their records may be
- 2 monitored by the Department of Health.

- 3 The school shall provide parents and guardians with information about influenza and
- 4 meningococcal disease and the effectiveness of vaccination against influenza and
- 5 meningococcal disease at the beginning of every school year. This information shall include the
- 6 causes, symptoms, and the means by which influenza and meningococcal disease are spread
- 7 and the places where parents and guardians may obtain additional information and
- 8 vaccinations for their children. KIPP Nashville is not required to provide or purchase vaccines
- 9 against influenza or meningococcal disease.⁷

Legal References

1. 20 USCA §1232h(c)
2. TRR/MS 0520-1-03-.08(2)(a)
3. TRR/MS 0520-01-03-.08(2)(b)
4. Tennessee School Health Screening Guidelines,
https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/education/csh/csh_school_health_screening_guidelines.pdf
5. TCA 49-6-5001(a), (c)
6. TCA 49-6-5001(b)(2)
7. TCA. § 49-13-111 (c)