

Board Policy 3500: Student Health/Physical Screenings/Examinations

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The Board may arrange each year for health services to be provided to all students. At the start of the school year, each District school shall notify parent/guardians of health services offered or made available through the school or by private organizations partnering with the District that offer services on school property or as a part of a school program. Parents/guardians shall be notified of any new health services that become available after the annual notice is sent.

Such services may include, but are not limited to:

1. The development of procedures at each building for the isolation and temporary care of students who become ill during the school day;
2. The consulting services of a qualified specialist for staff, students, and parents;
3. Vision and hearing screening;
4. Scoliosis screening; and
5. Immunization as provided by the Department of Health and Human Services.

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. Additionally, if a member of the District's staff becomes aware of a change in the student's mental, emotional, or physical health or well-being, the staff member shall address the matter as described in Policy 2425.

The District will not furnish health care services or solicit to furnish health care services to a student without parent/guardian consent to do so or by court order, unless a medical emergency exists and:

1. Furnishing the health care service is necessary to prevent death or imminent, irreparable physical injury; or
2. The health care provider can't contact the parent/guardian despite a reasonably diligent effort and the minor child's life or health would be seriously endangered by further delay in the furnishing of health care services.

Parents/guardians may be given the option to provide blanket consent to the District furnishing health care services or soliciting to furnish health care services to a student.

If a parent/guardian declines to consent to a health care service for their student, the staff member responsible for seeking such consent shall document their efforts to contact the parent/guardian to obtain their consent and shall also document the parent/guardian's refusal of such consent or failure to respond. If such health service was offered because the student is suspected of having a health problem, the parent/guardian will be notified of this suspicion according to Procedure 2425P Parent Rights — Parent/Guardian Notification of Changes in Student Health and Well-being.

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.

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.

Abortion-Related Counseling and Referrals Prohibited

All staff are prohibited from providing the following services to any person during working hours or in the course of their work:

- 1. Providing or performing an abortion;
- 2. Counseling in favor of abortion;
- 3. Referring for abortion; or
- 4. Dispensing emergency contraception, except in the case of rape.

Legal References	Description
20 USC § 1232(h)	FERPA: Protection of Pupil Rights
IC § 18-8701, et seq.	No Public Funds for Abortion Act
IC § 32-1015	Parental Rights in Medical Decision-Making
IC § 33-142	Adoption Education
IC § 33-6001	Parental Rights
IDAPA 08.02.03.160	Safe Environment and Discipline

Cross References

Code	Description
2140	Student and Family Privacy Rights
2425	Parental Rights
3523	Head Lice (Pediculosis)
3540	Emergency Treatment