

PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS OF STUDENTS-INOCULATIONS OF STUDENTS

The board encourages parents/guardians and students to preserve and protect each student's general health. The board will, therefore, require that each child have a complete physical examination by a licensed physician upon entrance to kindergarten or first grade.

By state law, children who attend the district's preschool will also be examined by a physician prior to admission.

Also by law, all entrants must, prior to admission, have received or are receiving immunizations for polio, diphtheria, tetanus, and MMR. Students must also have received the varicella vaccination (chicken pox vaccine), or have a history of chicken pox disease.

Exceptions to immunizations include certification by a physician that such immunizations would endanger the life or health of the child, or a written statement by the parents/guardians that such immunizations are against the religious beliefs of the child's family.

Physical examinations will also be required for all students who participate in interscholastic athletics and other school activities. The examination needs to be administered by doctors of medicine, doctors of osteopathy, or doctors of chiropractic; SDCL 36-4A-22 (1) gives physician assistants the authority to give exams and sign the form. SDCL 36-9A-12 (5) gives nurse practitioners the authority to give exams and sign the forms. The cost is covered by the parents/guardians.