

Brockton Public Schools School Committee Policy

PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS OF STUDENTS

Every student will be examined once in each school year for screening of vision and hearing and for other physical problems as provided in the laws. The school nurse will keep a record of the results and follow up. The school nurse will notify Parents/guardians in writing if a child fails the screening.

Students are required to receive a general physical examination four times during their school career. The results of examinations will be a basis for determining what corrective measures or modifications of school activities, if any, should be recommended. A record of all examinations and recommendations will be kept on file in the nurse's office.

Every candidate for a school athletic team will present the signed school consent form of parent/guardian in order to participate on a squad and will, with the signed consent of parent or guardian, be thoroughly examined to determine physical fitness. Physicians/nurse practitioners should follow the guidelines of the American Academy of Pediatrics for conducting a comprehensive physical examination. For school based physical exams, each child should be separated and carefully examined by the physician/nurse practitioner or primary care provider. If a student is unable to obtain a physical examination with a primary care provider in the community, the school will do one. Physical exams completed in school should be done in the presence of a third person (usually the school nurse), in a private setting. The school nurse will notify parents/guardians in writing when the examination is to be given.

Whenever the school nurse finds a child suffering from disease or medical problem, the situation will be reported to the parent/guardian. A copy of the report will be filed at the school.