

REGULATION

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Responsible Office: SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES PROGRAM COORDINATOR

PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS REQUIRED FOR NEW STUDENTS

A. PURPOSE

To provide guidance to school and health staff for ensuring compliance with state law governing required physical examinations for children entering the Maryland public schools system for the first time.

B. BACKGROUND

State law requires that each child entering the Maryland public schools system for the first time have a physical examination. The examination shall be completed within the nine-month period before the child enters the public schools system, or the six-month period after the child enters the public schools system.

C. DEFINITIONS

1. Physician means an individual licensed to practice medicine.
2. Certified nurse practitioner means a registered nurse who, by reason of certification under the regulations of the Maryland Board of nursing, may engage in the activities authorized by the regulations.
3. Physical examination means an examination of the body by a licensed physician or certified nurse practitioner.

D. PROCEDURE

1. The physical examination form designed by the Department of Education and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall be used to meet this requirement.
2. Information regarding the required physical examination for entry to Maryland public schools will be disseminated by designated staff at the time that students are registered for school.
3. A physical examination by a physician or certified nurse practitioner must be completed within nine months prior to entering the public school system or within six months after entering the system.

4. For each school year, the school health staff for each public school shall report to the School Health Services office the number of children entering school system for the first time who have not had a physical examination. This information shall also be reported to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. School health staff will oversee the compliance and reporting of physical examination information.

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