

Staff Personnel

Physical and Mental Examinations

Good health is important to job performance. Employees will present evidence of good health, in the form of a physical examination report, prior to their employment with the school district.

School bus drivers will present evidence of good health every other year in the form of a physical examination report unless otherwise required by law or medical opinion. Employees whose physical or mental health, in the judgment of the administration, may be in doubt will submit to additional examinations, when requested to do so, at the expense of the school district.

The cost of the initial examination will be paid by the employee. If an employee needs a physical to move into a different position to benefit the school system, the board will pay up to \$90 (ninety dollars) for the physical. The form indicating the employee is able to perform the duties for which the employee was hired must be returned prior to payment of salary. The cost of the bus driver renewal physical will be paid by the school district. If additional testing is requested by the doctor, those costs will be the bus driver's financial responsibility. The school district will provide the standard examination form to be completed by the physician. Employees identified as having reasonable anticipated contact with blood or infectious materials will receive the Hepatitis B vaccine or sign a written waiver stating that they will not take the vaccine.

It is the responsibility of the superintendent to write an exposure control plan to eliminate or minimize district occupational exposure to bloodborne pathogens. The plan for designated employees will include, but not be limited to, scope and application, definitions, exposure control, methods of compliance, Hepatitis B vaccination and postexposure evaluation and follow-up, communication of hazards to employees, and record keeping.

The requirements stated in the Master Contract between employees in the certified collective bargaining unit and the board regarding physical examinations of such employees will be followed.

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