

POLICY	BOARD OF EDUCATION OF FREDERICK COUNTY, MARYLAND
PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS / IMMUNIZATIONS FOR STUDENTS	SECTION 420
420.1 Physical Examinations 420.2 Immunizations 420.3 Communicable Diseases	Adopted: 9/13/06 Amended: 7/11/12

420.1 Physical Examinations

Maryland law requires that every child entering a Maryland public school for the first time have a physical examination. Additional physical and dental examinations are encouraged, especially when the child enters middle school. Information from these exams, obtained from parents and the child's health care provider, helps identify any health issues or concerns that may impact the child's educational performance and assists the school in establishing an education program specific to the growth and developmental needs of each child. At a minimum, schools will conduct vision and hearing screening for students in pre-kindergarten, kindergarten (if not previously screened in pre-kindergarten), 1st grade and 8th grade. Language and speech and psychological screening procedures are available as necessary when problems are noted. Members of the school health staff and student services division can provide more specific information about the physical examination. Students who are candidates for interscholastic sports are required to have physical examinations each year before they are permitted to participate.

420.2 Immunizations

Maryland law requires specific immunizations for every child entering and attending school in Maryland. Satisfactory proof of compliance with the minimum immunization requirements must be on file in school for every child. The principal is responsible for the enforcement of the immunization regulations in collaboration with the local health department.

Parents must provide a completed Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene immunization form and meet all immunization requirements as early as possible to avoid the child's delay in admittance to, and to prevent exclusion from, school due to noncompliance with the law.

420.3 Communicable Diseases

The Board of Education is concerned about the health and well being of students and staff. Any person with knowledge of suspected or confirmed cases of a communicable disease, which may pose a serious risk to others, is responsible for reporting this information to the appropriate personnel. Communicable disease conditions shall be evaluated on an individual basis considering the seriousness of the disease, degree of communicability, and whether the communicable disease has been medically confirmed. Exclusions from school may be required when it is deemed necessary to protect the safety and well being of others. The Superintendent, in collaboration with the Frederick County Health Department, shall establish regulations to aid school personnel in controlling communicable diseases within the school environment.