

Chapter 2

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION TO SCHOOL

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

Florida Statute 1003.22 requires that each child initially entering a public or private school in the state present documentation of a physical examination performed within one year prior to enrollment (registration date). The health exam should contain evidence that indicates the examination of the body systems (heart, skin, respiratory, etc.) and functions; certify that the student has no contagious or communicable disease which would warrant the student's exclusion from school; and indicate any special conditions which would warrant special considerations for the student.

Note: Physical exam form must be readable, signed, dated and stamped by the provider.

- ❖ **Form DH 3040 or equivalent** which meets the above requirements and is signed by a medical doctor (MD), doctor of osteopathy (DO), chiropractor (CP), physician's assistant (PA), or an advanced registered nurse practitioner (ARNP) and includes the printed or stamped name and address of the signatory.
- ❖ **FASTER record** (in-state transfer) is acceptable for proof of physical if the student attended a public Florida school for at least 30 days.
- ❖ **ALL IN COUNTY TRANSFERS** – the registrar *must obtain the student's entire cumulative health record from the previous school.*

THE FOLLOWING ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE AS PHYSICAL EXAMS:

- ❖ A statement from the physician that the child is in good health and free of communicable disease.
- ❖ Documentation of height, weight, and blood pressure.
- ❖ Health history filled out by the parent or a health care provider.

Homeless Students

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IMMUNIZATIONS

Florida Statute requires that prior to admittance to or attendance in a public or non-public school, each student shall present or have on file with the school a Florida Certificate of Immunization 680 form (blue card) from a licensed practicing physician or the county public health department. For updates on current immunization requirement refer to Florida Department of Health Immunization Guidelines or call the School Health office.

One of the following Florida Certification of Immunization. Certificates must be presented to the school. NO EXCEPTION IS PERMITTED.

- ❖ DH 680, Part A Completed immunizations.
- ❖ DH 680, Part B Temporary medical exemption with an unexpired expiration date.
- ❖ DH 680, Part C Permanent medical exemption (must be signed by a physician licensed under Chapter 458 Medical Practice or Chapter 459 Osteopathic Medicine, *Florida Statutes*.)
- ❖ DH 681 Religious exemption (must be signed by Health Department Administrator or designee)
- ❖ **FASTER record** (in-state transfer) showing that immunizations are complete is acceptable, however, the original 680 must always be requested if the child has been issued a Temporary or Permanent Medical Exemption, or if immunization dates are missing or questionable.
- ❖ ***NO student may attend before a record of immunizations is received.***

NOTE: The original paper DH 680 is a permanent school record and should be filed in the student's cumulative health record. This form should transfer along with all other school documents.

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