

# Nord Country School

## BP 5070 – Health Examinations, Immunizations and Oral Health Assessments



### **1.0 Purpose**

1.1 The Nord Country School Governing Board recognizes that periodic health examinations of students may lead to the detection and treatment of conditions that impact learning. Health examinations may also help in determining whether special adaptations of the school program are necessary.

### **2.0 Responsibilities**

2.1 It is the responsibility of the Administrator or designee to verify that students have complied with legal requirements for health examinations and immunizations before unconditionally admitting the student in the School.

2.2 It is the responsibility of the Administrator or designee to ensure that staff employed to examine students exercise proper care of each student.

### **3.0 Health Examinations**

3.1 The School shall ensure that all students provide documentation of health screening and evaluation services or waiver/exemption per Health and Safety Code section 124040 within the first 90 days of enrolling in first grade.

3.2 The School shall administer tests for vision and hearing as mandated and required by law.

3.2.1 Vision testing shall occur during the kindergarten year, upon first enrollment if it is the student's first entry in a California school, and in grades 2, 5, and 8.

3.2.2 If the student's first entry occurs in grades 4 through 7, vision testing may wait to occur in grade 8.

3.2.3 Hearing testing shall occur in kindergarten or first grade and again in second, fifth, and eighth grades as well as upon first entry into the California school system.

3.2.4 Students enrolled in a special education program, other than those pupils enrolled for a hearing problem, shall be given a hearing test when enrolled in the program and every third year thereafter.

3.2.5 Results of vision and hearing tests shall be recorded on each pupil's health record.

3.3 The Administrator or designee shall ensure confidentiality of all examination results. Examination records shall be available only in accordance with law.

## **4.0 Immunizations**

- 4.1 To protect the health of all students and staff and to curtail the spread of infectious diseases, the Governing Board desires to cooperate with state and local health agencies to encourage immunization of all students against preventable diseases.
- 4.2 Students entering the School shall present an immunization record, which shows at least the month and year of each immunization the student has received, in accordance with law. Students shall be excluded from School or exempted from immunization requirements only as allowed by law.
- 4.3 Each student shall present his/her immunization record certifying that he/she has received all required immunizations currently due before he/she is admitted to the School.
- 4.4 In limited circumstances, some children who have not received one or more required immunizations may attend school while they catch up on these shots. This is called conditional admission and the Administrator shall ensure lawful compliance prior to admitting the student to the School.
- 4.5 If the School discovers that an admitted student has not received all required immunizations, the School will notify his/her parent/guardian. If, within 10 school days of the notice, the child does not provide documentation of having received all required immunizations, the School shall exclude the student from attendance. Health and Safety Code section 120370 does allow for specific exclusions from this requirement. The Administrator shall ensure lawful compliance in these cases.
- 4.6 The Administrator or designee may arrange for qualified medical personnel to administer immunizations at School to any Student whose parent/guardian has consented in writing.

## **5.0 Oral Health**

- 5.1 By May 31 of each school year, students entering kindergarten or the first grade (having not attended kindergarten) must present proof to the School of having received an oral health assessment by a licensed dentist, or other licensed or registered dental health professional. The oral health assessment must have been performed no earlier than 12 months prior to the date of initial enrollment.
- 5.2 A student may be excused from this requirement if her/her parent or guardian indicates on the approved form provided by the School that one or more of the following reasons apply:
  - 5.2.1 The oral health assessment poses an undue financial burden on the parent/guardian;
  - 5.2.2 The parent/guardian lacks access to a licensed dentist or other licensed or registered dental health professional; or
  - 5.2.3 The parent/guardian does not consent to the assessment.
- 5.3 This Oral Health requirements will be communicated to parents/guardians upon initial enrollment in kindergarten or first grade, using the California Department of Education form.

## **6.0 Reporting**

- 6.1 Reports to the Board regarding the number of students found to have physical problems and the effort made to correct them shall in no way reveal the identity of students.
- 6.2 By July 1 of each year, the School will submit an Oral Health Assessment Report to the County Office of Education.
- 6.3 Annually, the School will report results of the School hearing testing program using Annual Report of Hearing Testing forms, PM100, provided by the State Department of Health Services.
- 6.4 The School will file a written report on the immunization status of new entrants to the School with the Department of Health Services as required by law.

## **7.0 Adoption and Review**

- 7.1 Originally Adopted: 3/15/2007
- 7.2 Most Recent Revision: 2/22/2023