

FAIRFIELD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

MEDICAL AND DENTAL EXAMINATIONS OF CHILDREN  
OF SCHOOL AGE

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7210.1 “Each child of school age shall be given, by methods established by the Advisory Health Board:

- A) A vision test by a school nurse, medical technician or teacher,
- B) A hearing test by a school nurse, or medical technician,
- C) A measurement of height and weight by a school nurse or teacher,
- D) Tests for tuberculosis under medical supervision, and
- E) Such other tests as the Advisory Health Board may deem advisable to protect the health of the child.

Vision tests shall be given annually and other tests at intervals established by the Advisory Health Board.” [24 PS 14-1402 (a)]

7210.2 “The school physician... shall make a medical examination and a comprehensive appraisal of the health of every child of school age:

- A) upon original entry into school in the Commonwealth
- B) while in sixth grade,
- C) while in eleventh grade, and
- D) prior to the issuance of a farm or domestic service permit unless the child has been given a scheduled or special medical examination within the preceding four months. [24 SP 14-1402 (e)]

7210.3 “All children of school age in the Commonwealth,

- i) upon original entry into the school,
- ii) while in the third grade, and
- iii) while in the seventh grade,

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shall be given a dental examination by a school dentist: Provided, however, That this requirement shall not apply to those school districts or joint school boards which have instituted a program of dental hygiene services as provided in subsection (b) of this section." [24 PS 14-1403 (a)]

7210.4 "Any school district or joint school board may institute a program of dental hygiene services for children of school age, which program shall be approved by the Secretary of Health, and for that purpose may employ Dental Hygienists." [24 PS 14-1403 (b)]

7210.5 "All teachers shall report to the school nurse or school physician any unusual behavior, changes in physical appearance, changes in attendance habits, and changes in scholastic achievement which may indicate impairment of the child's health. The nurse or school physician or school dentist may, upon referral by the teacher or on his own initiative, advise a child's parent or guardian of the apparent need for a special medical or dental examination. If a parent or guardian fails to report the results to the nurse or school physician, the nurse or school physician shall arrange a special medical examination for the child." [24 PS 14-1402 (d)]

7210.6 "...any child of school age may furnish the local school officials with a medical or dental report of examinations made at his own expense by his family physician or family dentist on a form approved by the Secretary of Health for this purpose." [24 PS 14-1407]

7210.7 Recommendations as to medical surgical, or dental care shall be sent to each parent or guardian, and to the family physician or family dentists, on forms prepared or approved by the Secretary of Health, with instructions to the parents or guardians to consult the family physician or family dentist, and to notify the school authorities of the action taken with respect to the recommendations." {24 PS 14-1406]

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