

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OF STUDENTS

Every student will provide evidence of or will be given a general physical examination four times: upon entering school and upon admittance to the fourth, seventh, and tenth grades. The results of examinations will be a basis for determining what corrective measures or modifications of school activities, if any, should be recommended. A record of all examinations and recommendations will be kept.

Every student will be examined for screening in sight, hearing, BMI (height and weight), and for other physical problems as provided in the law and regulation. A record of the results will be kept by the school nurse.

Department of Health Regulations call for vision screenings in Grades 1-5, once between 6-8, and once between 9-12; hearing screenings in grades 1-3, once between 6-8, and once between 9-12; BMI in grades 1, 4, 7, 10. The Harvard public schools will provide vision and hearing screenings at the above intervals. BMI will be collected from the students physical examination on file from their health care provider. If the nurse is unable to collect the required height and weight from the students' physical exam on file, or if the student does not have a physical exam on file, the nurse will contact the family prior to physically examining the student.

All students participating in interscholastic athletics are required to have a signed consent form and a copy of a current physical examination performed by the student's primary care provider. This must state that the student may participate in athletics.

When a student becomes sick or injured at school an assessment and/or examination will be done by the school nurse. All visits to the health office are documented. Follow-up with the parent/guardian will be done as needed.

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