

Information for Public Schools Regarding Changes in Health Examination and Screening Requirement Effective 7/1/2018

The information below was created to assist public schools to provide a smooth transition in implementing new grade levels for required Health Examinations and Hearing, Scoliosis, and Vision Screenings.

Changes Effective 7/1/2018

1. Section 136.3 regarding Health Examinations and Screenings will change. The new regulations for health examinations for attendance will be required for new entrants and in **grades Pre-K or K, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11.**
2. The new regulations in vision and hearing screenings will be required within 6 months of admission to school and in **grades Pre-K or K, 1, 3, 5, 7, and 11.** Scoliosis screenings will be required for **girls in grades 5 and 7** and for **boys in grade 9.**
3. The only form that may be used to document health examinations for students attending public school is the approved form titled; **NYSED (New York State Education Department) Student Health Examination Form (the form is not currently available, but will be this spring)**
 - The new NYS School Health Examination Form **is not required for physicals done prior to 7/1/18.**
 - To assist with the transition, during the 2018-2019 school year schools may accept any health examination form provided.
 - In 2019-2020 ONLY the approved form will be accepted.
 - The Approved NYSED Student Health Examination Form for School will be available this spring on the New York State Center for School Health (NYSCSH) website at www.schoolhealthny.com on the Samples|Forms|Notifications page.

Recommendations for implementing the new requirements regarding health examinations can be found in the next page.

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Sample Recommendations for Implementing the New Requirements To Educate and Inform Parents/Guardians:

- Access the NYSCSH “Sample Letter to Parents/Guardians and Health Care Providers regarding Health Examinations for 2018-2019 School Year letter” and customize it for your district’s needs. It is located on the NYSCSH website on [Samples | Forms | Notifications](#) page.
- Share your customized letter with Parents/Guardians through multiple communication channels such as district website, Pre-K and Kindergarten, Middle or High school orientation, class newsletters, district mailings and social media.
- Request Parents/Guardians share the new requirements at their next visit to their health care provider.

Sample Recommendations for Implementing the New Requirements To Educate and Inform Local Health Care Providers to:

- Access the NYSCSH “Sample Letter to Parents/Guardians and Health Care Providers regarding Health Examinations for 2018-2019 School Year letter” and customize it for your district’s needs. It is located on the NYSCSH website on [Samples | Forms | Notifications](#) page.
- Share your customized letter with Private Health Care Providers/ Practice Groups in your local area.
- Include a copy of your customized letter as an informational/reminder message in any initial/follow up communications sent from the school health office to any private providers or practice groups.

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