



School District of Manatee County School Health Services



Physical Examination Policy

1. A physical exam is required for all students entering Florida schools for the first time – for any grade level. This should be the original document and must be provided to the school prior to the student’s first day of class. The examination must have been done within 12 months prior to the enrollment date. The exam should be documented on the Florida Department of Health HRS-H Form # 3040 (revised 6/02), the “School Entry Health Form”. (For students coming from out of state, other forms will be accepted if it includes a complete review of body systems.) The exam must be signed by a physician (Medical Doctor, Doctor of Osteopathy, and Doctor of Chiropractic), a registered nurse practitioner, or a physician’s assistant. (A physician’s assistant must be licensed specifically in the state of Florida).
2. For students transferring to Manatee County from another in-state Florida school, the physical exam shall be included in the health records of the student’s cumulative record.
3. Students, who meet the requirement for homeless, may receive a 30 day waiver to provide the physical exam.
4. An exemption from the requirement of a physical exam may be granted upon a written statement of the parent objecting to the exam based on religious grounds. The parent shall submit the written statement to the school registrar and it shall be kept in the student’s health folder.

No additional physical exams are required throughout the student’s school career. If a student in the Florida school system moves out of state, and later returns to a Florida school, the original physical exam (when he first entered the system) still meets the requirements.