HEALTH EXAMINATIONS

The Santa Cruz County Board of Education (“Board”) recognizes that periodic health examinations of students may lead to early detection and treatment of conditions that impact learning. Health examinations also may help in determining whether special adaptations of the school program are necessary.

The Superintendent or designee shall verify that students have complied with legal requirements for a comprehensive health screening, an oral health assessment, and immunizations at school entry. In addition, the district shall administer tests for vision, hearing, and scoliosis as required by law.

(cf. 5141.26 - Tuberculosis Testing)
(cf. 5141.31 - Immunizations)
(cf. 5141.32 - Health Screening for School Entry)
(cf. 5141.6 - School Health Services)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that staff employed to examine students exercise proper care of each student and that examination results are kept confidential. Records related to these examinations shall be maintained and released only in accordance with law.

(cf. 5125 - Student Records)

Legal Reference:

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48980 Parental notifications
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HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE
1685-1686 Audiometrists
120325-120380 Immunization against communicable diseases
121475-121520 Tuberculosis tests for students
124025-124110 Child Health and Disability Prevention Program

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5
590-596 Vision screening
3027 Hearing and vision screening for special education
3028 Audiological screening
CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 17
2950-2951 Hearing tests
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1232g Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act
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