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| **Germantown Municipal School District** |
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**PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS1**

The District is concerned about the health and wellness of the entire student community. To this end, physical examinations, except as exempt by statute, shall be required of students.

1. Entering school for the first time2 (applies to all schools, including Pre-K, for whom there is no health record); or
2. Participating in interscholastic athletics (including any strenuous physical activity program covered by TSSAA)3

Cost for the examination shall be borne by the parent or guardian of the student and a copy retained on file at the school.

Physical Examination Administered by the District

The District will not conduct student physical examinations without parental consent.4 Parents have the right to opt their child out of non-emergency, invasive physical examination or screening that is (1) not required as a condition of attendance, administered by the school and scheduled by the school in advance; and (2) not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of the student, or of other students.

An invasive physical examination does not include hearing, vision, blood pressure, height, weight, or scoliosis screening. Parents/guardians will be notified of dates and times when such screenings will be conducted and will receive written notification of any screening results indicating a condition that might interfere or tend to interfere with student’s progress.

**IMMUNIZATIONS**

No students entering school, including those entering pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, first grade, those from out-of-state and those from non-public schools, will be permitted to enroll (or attend) without proof of immunization. It is the responsibility of the parents or guardians to have their child immunized and to provide such proof to the principal of the school the student is to attend.5

Exemptions, in absence of epidemic or immediate threat, parents or guardian shall file with school authorities a signed, written statement that such measures conflict with his/her religious tenets or practice; or due to medical reasons if such child has a written statement from his/her doctor excusing him from such immunizations.6

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| Legal References |  |
| 1. 20 USCA § 1232h(c)
2. TRR/MS 0520-1-03-.08(2)(a)
3. TRR/MS 0520-01-03-.08(2)(b)
4. Tennessee School Health Screening Guidelines, <https://www.tn.gov/assets/entities/education/attachments/csh_school_health_screening_guidelines.pdf>
5. TCA 49-6-5001(a), (c)
6. TCA 49-6-5001(b)(2)
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