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## HEALTH AND WELFARE

§8-50      Physical Examinations

State law requires that no pupil shall be admitted for the first time to any public kindergarten or elementary school unless a report from a qualified licensed physician, nurse practitioner, or physician's assistant acting under the supervision of a licensed physician of a comprehensive physical examination of a scope prescribed by the State Health Commissioner performed within twelve months of the date of entrance is provided. This report must be received prior to admitting the child to school.

If a child attended another school or school division and his/her school records show that a report of a physical examination was furnished at the time of his/her first admission, the principal may accept the school records as verification of the physical examination.

If a student is a homeless child as defined in [§22.1-3](#) and for that reason cannot furnish the physical exam report, and the person seeking to enroll the student furnishes an affidavit so stating and also indicates that to the best of his knowledge, the student is in good health and free from any communicable or contagious disease, the school division shall immediately refer the student to the local school division liaison, as described in the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Improvements Act of 2001, who shall, as soon as practicable, assist in obtaining the necessary physical examination by the public health department or other clinic or physician's office and shall immediately admit the pupil to school, as required by such Act.

The physical examination is required of every child unless the parent or guardian objects on religious grounds and states in writing that, to the best of his/her knowledge, the child is in good health and is free from any communicable or contagious disease. In such case, the principal shall verify that the child shows no visual evidence of sickness.

The report of the physical examinations or the parent's statement of religious objection and the child's health shall be placed in the child's school records.

Health Information

Parents of children entering a Virginia public kindergarten or elementary school for the first time must complete a School Entrance Health Information Form and return it to the school before enrollment. Reasonable extensions may be granted by the principal for good cause, but such extensions should be only for a specified time necessary for the parents to complete the form.

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Principals shall report to the Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Services or designee all cases in which they have been unable to obtain compliance of parents.

The Division Superintendent is authorized by state law to exclude from school any child whose parent fails to complete and return the form within the time allowed.

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