

# **Rules and Regulations for Kindergarten Physical Screening**

## **1.00 REGULATORY AUTHORITY**

1.01 These regulations shall be known as Arkansas Department of Education Regulations Governing Kindergarten Physical Screening.

1.02 These regulations are enacted pursuant to the State Board of Education's authority under the Arkansas Codes Ann. 6-15-202 (1987) and 6-18-701 (1987) and Standards for Accreditation of Arkansas Public Schools (VI-E).

## **2.00 PURPOSE**

2.01 The purpose of these regulations is to set forth for school districts the guidelines to assure that all enrolling kindergarten students have a comprehensive preschool examination.

## **3.00 DEFINITIONS**

3.01 The "equivalent" of EPSDT refers to a physical examination administered by a licensed physician or a registered nurse qualified to conduct screening examinations.

## **4.00 REQUIRED RECORDS**

4.01 The Arkansas Department of Education will disseminate to districts, through the educational cooperatives, the Student Health Record folders and Health History Forms.

4.02 Parents shall complete a Health History Form prior to the physical examination/assessment.

4.03 The school will file each student's Health History Form in the Student Health Record folder.

4.04 The school shall periodically update the student's record as additional medical data becomes available.

4.05 The school shall maintain records showing the number of students screened, the number referred for treatment or further evaluation, reasons given for referral, the number seen by a physician, and the number treated.

## **5.00 COMPREHENSIVE AND DEVELOPMENTAL PRESCHOOL EXAMINATION**

5.01 All enrolling kindergarten students shall be evaluated with the Early, Periodic, Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) equivalent.

5.02 The EPSDT or its equivalent shall occur within two years prior to or within 90 days after the student's initial enrollment in kindergarten.

5.03 If a child does not attend kindergarten, the EPSDT or its equivalent shall occur either within two years prior to or within 90 days After the student's initial enrollment in first grade.

5.04 If the district administers the EPSDT or its equivalent, the district shall refer to parents any results requiring further assessment or treatment.

5.05 Any pupil may be excused from the examination on presentation of a certificate from a reputable physician that he has recently examined the pupil or on presentation of a written statement of the pupil's parent or guardian that he objects to the examination of his child or ward, but this provision shall not be applicable in case of a pupil suspected of having a contagious or infectious disease (Ark. Code Ann. 6-18-701).