

Title 6. Education

Chapter I. Division of Elementary and Secondary Education

Subchapter F. Student Screening and Medical

Part 151. Kindergarten Physical Screening

Subpart 1. Generally

6 CAR § 151-101. Purpose.

The purpose of this part is to set forth for school districts the guidelines to ensure that all enrolling kindergarten students have a comprehensive preschool examination.

6 CAR § 151-102. Definitions.

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

6 CAR § 151-103. Required records.

(a) The Department of Education will disseminate to districts, through the educational cooperatives, the student health record folders and health history forms.

(b) Parents shall complete a health history form prior to the physical examination/assessment.

(c) The school will file each student's health history form in the student health record folder.

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

(e) The school shall maintain records showing the:

- (1) Number of students screened;
- (2) Number referred for treatment or further evaluation;
- (3) Reasons given for referral;
- (4) Number seen by a physician; and
- (5) Number treated.

6 CAR § 151-104. Comprehensive and developmental preschool examination.

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

(b) The EPSDT or its equivalent shall occur within two (2) years prior to or within ninety (90) days after the student's initial enrollment in kindergarten.

(c) If a child does not attend kindergarten, the EPSDT or its equivalent shall occur either within two (2) years prior to or within ninety (90) days after the student's initial enrollment in first grade.

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

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