



Galloway Township Public Schools
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PHYSICAL EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The primary responsibility for the health of a child rests with the parent/guardian and their family physician or primary health care provider. According to state law, **“Each student medical examination shall be conducted at the medical home of the student, and a full report sent to the school.”** (N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.2) Your child’s family physician or health care provider must complete his or her physical examination. A comprehensive health examination, which includes a review and examination of all body systems, is required for certain students in the Galloway Township Public Schools. Galloway Township Board of Education policy and New Jersey State law require that a physical examination be completed on the following students:

- **ALL STUDENTS ENTERING SCHOOL.** This includes those students entering kindergarten and those transferring from another school without a documented physical examination. Each of these students must present written proof of a completed physical examination that has been completed no more than 365 days prior to attending the Galloway Township Public Schools. **THOSE FAILING TO COMPLY MAY BE EXCLUDED FROM SCHOOL.**
- **FOURTH AND SEVENTH GRADES.** It is strongly recommended that a physical be completed on students in the 4th and 7th grades.
- **THOSE PARTICIPATING IN INTERSCHOLASTIC SPORTS.** Students who wish to try out for a school athletic squad or team must return a completed district **Physical Examination Report**. Each completed sport physical must be reviewed by the school physician, who will recommend approval or disapproval for participation in the sport. Parents/guardians will then be notified in writing of their child’s eligibility to participate in sports. Physical examinations for sports shall be conducted **within** 365 days prior to the first practice session. In addition, a **Health History Questionnaire** must be completed by the parent/guardian prior to each sport’s first practice. See the school nurse for these questionnaires. **THOSE WHO FAIL TO RETURN A COMPLETED PHYSICAL EXAMINATION REPORT TO THE SCHOOL NURSE BY THE DESIGNATED DUE DATES WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE IN SPORTS.** (Please contact the middle school’s health office or your child’s coach for due dates of sports physicals.)
- **THOSE APPLYING FOR WORKING PAPERS.**
- **THOSE PURSUANT TO A COMPREHENSIVE CHILD STUDY TEAM EVALUATION.**

Accompanying this letter is a copy of the district **Physical Examination Report**. Please have your family physician/primary health care provider complete it and return it to your child’s school nurse. This particular form **must** be completed for all sports physicals. If your child does not have a medical home (a family physician or health care provider), or if you have any questions or concerns, please contact the school nurse.