

EMPLOYEE PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS

The Highland Community School District believes good health is important to job performance. School bus drivers will present evidence of good health upon initial hire and every other year in the form of a physical examination report, unless otherwise required by law or medical opinion. All other employees shall present evidence of good health, in the form of a post-offer, pre-employment physical examination report.

The cost of the initial examination will be paid by the employee. The form indicating the employee is able to perform the duties, with or without reasonable accommodation, for which the employee was hired, must be returned prior to the performance of duties. The cost of bus driver renewal physicals will be paid by the school district. The school district will not provide the standard examination form to be completed by the personal physician of the employee or a certified medical examiner for bus drivers but allow them to use the form the physician has in their office.

Employees whose physical or mental health, in the judgment of the administration, may be in doubt will submit to additional examinations to the extent job-related and consistent with business necessity, when requested to do so, at the expense of the school district.

The district will comply with occupational safety and health requirements as applicable to its employees in accordance with law.

The requirements stated in the master contract between employees in that certified collective bargaining unit and the board regarding physical examinations of such employees are followed.

NOTE: The law no longer requires a district to conduct physical examinations for all employees upon hire. However, a district could decide to continue such practice, but the physicals should only be done post-offer and any employment decisions made based on the results of such physicals should be made in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). This policy is written to reflect the school district's choice in determining whether they will require post-offer, pre-employment physical examinations and a choice needs to be made for the language in italicized brackets in paragraph one above.

NOTE: Districts need to amend the last line of paragraph two if the district uses a provider selected and paid for by the district and the employee may not self-select who performs the examination.

NOTE: Boards should adapt IASB sample policies to meet the needs of the local district. Please ensure that the language contained in local policy is consistent with language contained in other district documents (e.g., handbooks, master contracts, etc.).

Legal Reference: 29 C.F.R. § 1910.1030.
 49 C.F.R. §§ 391.41 – 391.49.
 Iowa Code §§ 20; 279.8; 321.376.
 281 I.A.C. 43.15; 43.17.

Cross Reference: 403 Employees' Health and Well-Being

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