

**All Personnel**

**HEALTH EXAMINATIONS**

**Tuberculosis Tests -New Employees**

No applicant shall be initially employed in a classified or certificated position unless he/she has submitted to an intradermal or other tuberculin test licensed by the Food and Drug Administration within the past sixty (60) days and, if that test was positive, has subsequently obtained an X-ray of the lungs. The applicant shall submit to the district a certificate signed by the examining licensed physician indicating that he/she is free of active tuberculosis.

The cost of the pre-employment tuberculosis examination shall be paid by the applicant.

An applicant who was previously employed in another California school district may fulfill the tuberculosis examination requirement by either producing a certificate showing that he/she was examined within the last four years and found to be free of active tuberculosis or by having his/her previous school district employer verify that it has on file a certificate which contains that evidence. (Education Code 49406)

**Tuberculosis Tests - Regular Employees**

Once hired by the district, employees who test negative on the initial intradermal or other tuberculin tests shall undergo a tuberculosis examination at least once every four years, or more often if so directed by the Governing Board upon recommendation of the county health officer, for as long as the employee's test remains negative. An employee with a documented positive test for tuberculosis infection shall no longer be required to submit to the examination and shall be referred to the county health officer within thirty (30) days of the examination to determine the need for follow-up care.

Tuberculosis tests for employees shall be provided by the district or at district expense. (Education Code 44839, 45122, 49406)

If an employee's religious belief prevents him/her from undergoing a tuberculosis examination, the employee shall file an affidavit stating that he/she adheres to the faith or teachings of any well-recognized religious sect, denomination, or organization and in accordance with its creed, tenets, or principles depends for healing upon prayer in the practice of religion, and that to the best of his/her knowledge or belief he/she is free from active tuberculosis. In order to exempt the individual, the Governing Board shall determine by resolution, after a hearing, that the health of students would not be jeopardized. (Education Code 49406)

The superintendent or designee may exempt a pregnant employee from the requirement that a positive tuberculin test be followed by an X-ray of the lungs, for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days following termination of the pregnancy. (Education Code 49406)

### **Medical Certification for Communicable Diseases for Certificated Employees**

When a new employee in a position requiring certification has not previously been employed in such a position in California or a retiree has not previously been employed as a retiree, he/she shall have a medical certificate on file with the district stating that he/she is free from any

disabling disease which would render him/her unfit to instruct or associate with children.

The certificate shall be completed by a licensed physician and returned to the district by the physician. The medical examination referred to in the certificate must have been conducted within six months of the time when the certificate is filed. (Education Code 44839, 44839.5; 5 CCR 5503)

*(cf. 4119.41/4219.41/4319.41 - Employees with Infectious Disease)*

Applicants and retirees shall pay for the cost of the medical certification examination. (Education Code 44839, 44839.5)

The Board may require a certificated employee or retiree to undergo a periodic medical examination by a physician to determine that the employee is free from any communicable disease making him/her unfit to instruct or associate with children. This periodic medical examination shall be at district expense. (Education Code 44839, 44839.5)

### **Health Certificates - (Food Service Workers)**

All food service workers who cook, serve or handle food are required to obtain a health certificate before being assigned to work in any cafeteria or kitchen in the district. If a disease is suspected, subject to local ordinance, a blood test may be required. Periodic health examinations may be required.

### **Mental Examination for Certificated Employees**

A certificated employee may be suspended or transferred to other duties if the Board has reasonable cause to believe that the employee is suffering from mental illness of such a degree as to render him/her incompetent to perform his/her duties. In such a case, the district shall follow the process specified in Education Code 44942 and the district's collective bargaining agreement, including the opportunity for the employee to be examined by a panel of psychiatrists or psychologists.

*(cf. 4032 - Reasonable Accommodation)*

*(cf. 4118 - Suspension/Disciplinary Action)*

#### *Legal Reference:*

##### EDUCATION CODE

44839 Medical certificate; periodic medical examination

44839.5 Requirements for employment of retiree

44932 Grounds for dismissal of permanent employee

44942 Suspension or transfer of certificated employee on ground of mental illness, psychiatric examination; mandatory sick leave

45122 Physical examinations

49406 Examination for tuberculosis

##### CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

5502 Filing of notice of physical examination for employment of retired persons

5503 Physical examination for employment of retired persons

5504 Medical certification procedures

COURT DECISIONS

*Raven v. Oakland Unified School District (1989) 213 Cal.App.3d 1347*

Management Resources:

WEB SITES

California Department of Public Health: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <http://www.cdc.gov>

Public Health Institute: <http://www.phi.org>

US Food and Drug Administration: <http://www.fda.gov>

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