

**HEALTH EXAMINATION: Regulation of the Commissioner of Education:** A student who may engage in interschool competition shall receive an adequate health examination and health history update when required, and may not practice or participate without the approval of the school medical officer. NOTE: Physicals for participation in school sports may be scheduled at any time during the calendar year. The results of the physical shall be valid for a period of 12 months during the last day of the month in which the physical was conducted. Unless the medical examination is conducted within 30 days of the start of a season, a health history update is required. Any pupil, whose safe participation is in question as a result of the health history interview, or injury, or prolonged absence, must be prequalified by the school physician prior to participation. If the 12-month period for the physical expires during a sports season, participants may complete the season as long as a health history was conducted prior to the season. For example, a physical conducted on August 1 would be valid through August 31. If a student plays beyond August (ex. football), the student may complete that sports season as long as an interval health history was conducted before the start of the season. Immediately following the last sanctioned tournament competition for that season, a new physical is required if the student is going to play another sport. Sport season includes tryouts. NOTE: The Handbook Committee recommends that each incidence of prolonged absence should be reviewed individually by the coach and the athletic director, consulting with the school physician when necessary, and a reasonable amount of practice time