

TUBERCULOSIS CONTROL POLICY

In an effort to control the incidence of tuberculosis in our schools and community, Hilliard City Schools requires any student who was born outside of the United States to have a tuberculin skin test. Hilliard City Schools also requires any student who has spent one month (32 days) or more days in a high-risk TB country to have a tuberculin skin test. High-risk countries are defined as countries having a tuberculosis incidence rate higher than 10 in 100,000 people. The test that is required is the Mantoux PPD Test. Students needing this test will be informed by letter upon enrollment or re-entry and referred to the appropriate public health agencies or their personal physician.

A history of the BCG vaccination does not make a student exempt from TB testing due to the variable effectiveness of the BCG vaccine in preventing TB infection.

Enrollment for new students may be deferred until documentation of a negative TB test or negative chest x-ray is received by the registration compliance officer. Re-entry for students who have traveled outside the United States for more than one month (32 days) may be deferred until such documentation is received by school personnel.

The Hilliard City Schools Student Support Services Department may waive the required test when a student is symptom free and where a student presents a written statement from the student's family physician certifying that such test has been given and that such student is free from tuberculosis in a communicable stage, or that such test is inadvisable for medical reasons, or from the student's parent or guardian objecting to such test because of religious convictions.

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