



# Community Unit School District 303

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## *Department of Human Resources*

### **IMPLEMENTATION OF PHYSICALS FOR ALL STUDENT TEACHERS—EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY**

Recently, Community Unit School District 303 received information that all student teachers are required to provide “evidence of physical fitness to perform duties assigned and freedom from communicable disease”. On July 16, 2014, this state statute went into effect. The state statute (105 ILCS 5/24-5) (from Ch.122, par.24-5) is provided at the end of this communication.

All future student teachers will receive instruction to complete the required physical 90 days prior to the start of the scheduled placement. The student teachers will be advised to complete these requirements during the date ranges below:

- Spring Semester –No earlier than October 1 and completed by December 15<sup>th</sup>
- Fall Semester—No earlier than May 25<sup>th</sup> and completed by August 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Please contact Cindy Kummet, if you have questions. Her email address is [cynthia.kummet@d303.org](mailto:cynthia.kummet@d303.org). Her phone number is 331-228-4915.**

### **School Code statute**

(105 ILCS 5/24-5) (from Ch. 122, par. 24-5)

Sec. 24-5. Physical fitness and professional growth.

(a) In this Section, "employee" means any employee of a school district, a student teacher, an employee of a contractor that provides services to students or in schools, or any other individual subject to the requirements of Section 10-21.9 or 34-18.5 of this Code.

(b) School boards shall require of new employees evidence of physical fitness to perform duties assigned and freedom from communicable disease. Such evidence shall consist of a physical examination by a physician licensed in Illinois or any other state to practice medicine and surgery in all its branches, an advanced practice nurse who has a written collaborative agreement with a collaborating physician that authorizes the advanced practice nurse to perform health examinations, or a physician assistant who has been delegated the authority to perform health examinations by his or her supervising physician not more than 90 days preceding time of presentation to the board, and the cost of such examination shall rest with the employee. A new or existing employee may be subject to additional health examinations, including screening for tuberculosis, as required by rules adopted by the Department of Public Health or by order of a local public health official. The board may from time to time require an examination of any employee by a physician licensed in Illinois to practice medicine and surgery in all its branches, an advanced practice nurse who has a written collaborative agreement with a collaborating physician that authorizes the advanced practice nurse to perform health examinations, or a physician assistant who has been delegated the authority to perform health examinations by his or her supervising physician and shall pay the expenses thereof from school funds.

(c) School boards may require teachers in their employ to furnish from time to time evidence of continued professional growth.

(Source: P.A. 98-716, eff. 7-16-14.)



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### Physical Statement of Good Health To Be Conducted within 90 days of student teaching

Student Teacher:

(Please Print) Last Name First Name Student ID

Position: Bldg Location:

#### PHYSICIAN STATEMENT OF GOOD HEALTH:

I, a physician\* duly licensed in Illinois or any other state to practice medicine and surgery in all its branches, hereby certify that I examined the above name person on:

(Date of examination required)

And found he/she is able to perform the duties of the position specified above with or without reasonable accommodations and he/she is free from communicable diseases.

Doctor name (please print)

Address:

City, State, Zip Code:

Telephone:

Physician

Signature: (Physician Signature Required) Date

\*Advanced practice nurse with an agreement from physician to perform physical or Physician assistant who has delegated responsibility to perform physicals by a collaborating physician.