



Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 392.420

Screening Guidance

GUIDANCE

[NRS 392.420](#) mandates "...an examination of every child who is regularly enrolled in a grade specified by the board of trustees or superintendent of schools of the school district...to determine whether the child has scoliosis, any visual or auditory problem, or any gross physical defect." If any child is attending school in a grade above one of the specified grades and has not previously received such an observation and examination, the child must be included in the current schedule for observation and examination. Any child who is newly enrolled in the district must be examined for any medical condition for which children in a lower grade are examined. And "... each school district in a county whose population is 100,000 or more shall direct school nurses, qualified health personnel employed pursuant to subsection 6, teachers who teach physical education or health or other licensed educational personnel who have completed training in measuring the height and weight of a pupil provided by the school district, to measure the height and weight of a representative sample of pupils who are enrolled in grades 4, 7, and 10 in the schools within the school district."

In the 2021 Nevada Legislature, [Senate Bill 2 \(SB2\)](#) made the following revisions to NRS 392.420 regarding height and weight screenings:

- Data collection of height and weight (H&W) among 10th grade students was removed
- The following language was added: "...height and weight of a representative sample of pupils must be measured every other year at the same time other observations or examinations are conducted pursuant to this section."

Compliance with NRS 392.420 mandate is required for the 2021-2022 school year. To best ensure compliance, schools should adhere to the most recent recommendations from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#). Schools should always consult with school administrators and leadership to ensure data collection procedures comply with best practice. The following guidelines are meant to assist schools in obtaining required data for children receiving in-person or distant learning:

- Send a letter to parent/guardian with notice screenings will be conducted on designated dates.
- Request parent/guardian bring student receiving online instructions to the school so screenings may be performed in accordance with the statutes.
- In lieu of the data collected by the school, a parent/guardian may provide data signed by a licensed professional between July 2020 and June 2021.

Per NRS 392.420, "...The notice must inform the parent or guardian of the right to exempt the child from all or part of the examinations. Any child must be exempted from an examination if the child's parent or guardian files with the teacher a written statement objecting to the examination."

DATA SUBMISSION

Data and all supporting documents should be sent to ITOP@health.nv.gov at the end of designated school calendar year. *All data submitted will be included in the bi-annual height and weight report.*

***Please note: Only Washoe County School District and Clark County School District are required to collect height and weight data, per NRS guidelines. If other school districts choose to collect height and weight data, they should adhere to NRS guidelines. Data can be submitted to the email above for analysis.*

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