

Lead Screening of Pre-School and Kindergarten Children Policy

I. Purpose and Scope

The long-term effects of lead in a child can be severe. They include learning disabilities, decreased growth, hyperactivity, impaired hearing, and even brain damage. If caught early, these effects can be limited by reducing exposure to lead or by medical treatment.

As a result of this the Waterbury Board of Education will require that all kindergarten and pre-school students have a lead test.

II. Definitions

A. Lead Test – is a blood test which measures the amount of lead exposure of a person.

III. Requirements

All kindergarten students are required to provide one documented lead level done at any time during their childhood.

Guardians of pre-school students must provide evidence of an initial lead test upon enrollment into the program.

This documentation must be provided prior to entry of school or an appointment date scheduled to have the testing performed. Any student who does not comply with this policy shall be excluded from school until the required lead test is completed and/or documentation submitted.