

BMI Screening and School Children
LCGHD's Position
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Below is the link to the Ohio Department of Education's website with information regarding the Healthy Choices for Healthy Children Act, also referred to as Senate Bill 210. Requirements set forth in section 3313.674(A) of the Ohio Revised Code calls for each student enrolled in kindergarten, third grade, fifth grade, and ninth grade be screened for body mass index (BMI) and weight status category, prior to the first day of May of the 2010-2011 school year.

The school districts may opt to waive the requirement for 1 school year.

Each school district is granted the decision to participate or waive the requirement.

Currently there is no policy available in Lorain County regarding how to address BMI screening. In the upcoming months the Health District will be working with a school leadership team to develop a plan of action for addressing BMI screenings and school children. The LCGHD's recommendation to schools, at this time, is to ask for deferment until a broader plan and policy are put in place.

For more information please visit:

<http://www.ode.state.oh.us/GD/Templates/Pages/ODE/ODEDetail.aspx?page=3&TopicRelationID=431&ContentID=88501>