



## HEALTH EXAM AND IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Dear Parent/Guardian,

New York State law requires a current physical examination for all students upon entering the school district for the first time **and** upon entering grades Pre-K or K, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11. The examination must be completed and signed by a New York State licensed healthcare provider. A Dental Certificate which states your child has been evaluated by a dentist or dental hygienist is also requested at the same time.

- Physical and dental exams must be dated within 12 months of the student starting school.
- All physical exams must be submitted within 30 days of the student starting school.
- If your child has an appointment scheduled during this school year that is after the first 30 days of school, please notify the school health office of the date.
- Physicals should be completed on the required New York State School Health Examination form.
- Required physical forms may be accessed via the school's health office webpage.

Communication between private and school health staff is important for safe and effective care at school. Your healthcare provider may not share health information with school health staff without your signed permission. Please talk to your provider about signing a consent form for the school at the time of your child's appointment for the examination.

We recommend copying the completed forms for your own records before sending them to the school health office. Developing the habit of forwarding every well-child exam immediately after the appointment keeps the nurse up to date on your child's health history and helps to avoid receiving reminder requests during the required years. Forms may also be faxed to the school health office or sent by email attachment to the school nurse.

Information about low or no-cost physical and dental exams may be found on the health office webpage. Please call the school health office if you have any questions or concerns.

All students must be fully immunized or "in progress" according to the New York State Education Law standards before starting school. In addition to these basic immunization requirements, students are required to receive additional grade-level required vaccinations before starting 6th, 7th and 12th grade. Religious exemptions are not accepted per law.

Sincerely,

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