

TO: Parents/Guardians

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RE: Immunizations & Physical Requirements

The following are required immunizations according to New York State law that every student needs prior to the start of the school year. Immunizations or immunity may be permitted a grace period to attend school for not more than 14 calendar days; or for an individual who is transferring from out of state for not more than 30 days, or by showing proof of appropriate appointments to complete immunizations. Immunization records must be signed by the health care provider according to Department of Health regulations.

Required Immunizations are as follows:

2 MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)
4 or more DTP's (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis)
3 Hepatitis B
3-5 Polio

Varicella (Chicken Pox) is required for all students Pre-Kindergarten through 12th grades, or history of the disease documented by Health Care Provider. Students in Kindergarten through 12th grades need 2 Varicella (Chicken Pox) immunizations.

Pre-K needs the above and:

4 HIB
4 Pneumococcal
Lead Levels (usually obtained at age 1 and 3)

6th – 12th grade students need a Tdap booster

7th – 12th grade students need Meningitis immunization(s)

New York State requires that all students that are new to the school district, and all students in PreK or K, 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th, and 11th grade have a physical examination. A physical form is enclosed for the Health Care Provider to complete. Parental permission for authorization for use or disclosure of protected health information (HIPPA) is also included with the physical form. Please return these forms to the health office, as this allows the nurse's to share information with others on a need to know basis. If the forms are left at the doctor's office, please have a stamped envelope with the school's address so the physical may be sent to the school nurse. Your physician may also fax the physical to (518)853-4426. (This is a private fax at the health office that only the school nurse has access to.)

If your child has a physical scheduled during the school year, please notify the Health Office with the date of the scheduled physical exam. If by October 1st we do not have knowledge of this scheduled physical when one is required, we will schedule it to be done at school.

A dental health certificate is also enclosed for your dentist/dental hygienist to complete following a dental exam. **It is recommended and encouraged, but not required, for all new students and those in 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th and 11th grades to have the dental certificate completed.**

If you have any questions, please call the Health Office at 853-3332, ext. 5010.