

Health Office requirements for the 2019-2020 School Year.

PHYSICALS AND IMMUNIZATIONS are required for all Kindergarten, 6th and 9th grade students as well as all students entering school for the first time regardless of grade. They are due on or before **October 1st**, no exceptions. Physicals must be dated within 1 year from the first day of school and must be completed on the State of Illinois Certificate of Child Health Examination form dated 11/2015, not Sports Physical Forms. Physicals turned in on an outdated form will not be accepted. The Illinois State Law now requires that all students entering 6th grade will be required to receive 1 dose of meningococcal vaccine. For all students entering 12th grade, a second dose of meningococcal vaccine is required unless the first dose was given after the age of 16.

DENTAL EXAMINATIONS are required for all Kindergarten, 2nd, 6th and 9th grade students. The exam must be completed on an Illinois Department of Public Health Proof of School Dental Examination Form and turned into the health office by May 15th of the current school year. It cannot be completed more than 18 months prior to the **May 15th** deadline for students that are currently enrolled in Kindergarten, 2nd, 6th and 9th grade.

EYE EXAMINATIONS are required for Kindergarten and all transfer students new to Illinois. The exam must be completed on a State of Illinois Eye Exam Report Form by a licensed ophthalmologist or optometrist by **October 15th** of the current school year.

MEDICATION POLICY When it is necessary for a student to take medication during school hours, the medication must be brought to the school nurse by the parent in the original medication bottle. It needs to be accompanied by the “Authorization and Permission for Administration of Medication” form that has been completed and signed by the child’s physician. This policy applies to ALL medication, prescription, over the counter medications including cough drops and herbal supplements. Medications will not be given without proper forms completed and signed. **For the sake of safety and the Illinois State Law, no exceptions can be made.**

EPI-PENS, INSULIN, INSULIN PUMPS, INHALERS and other **EMERGENCY MEDICATIONS** that need to be on the student’s person, need a “Request for Self-Administration” form in addition to the “Authorization and Permission for Administration of Medication” form. These forms can be obtained online or from the school office and must be in the nurse’s office by the first day of attendance.

VISION SCREENINGS are mandated by the Illinois Public Health Department for Pre-K, Kindergarten, 2nd and 8th grades. In addition to the mandated grade levels, screenings will be conducted for special education students, teacher referrals and students new to the district. These screenings will take place during the school day by nurses that are certified in vision screenings. If your child is already under the care of a physician and wears (or should be wearing) glasses, please let the school nurse know. If parents request that their child NOT be screened for vision, the must notify the building nurse by the start of the school year. Notification will be required annually.

HEARING SCREENINGS are mandated by the Illinois Public Health Department for Pre-K, 1st, 2nd and 3rd grades. In addition to the mandated grade levels, screenings will be conducted for special education students, teacher referrals and students new to the district. Testing will begin at the start of the school year and continue throughout the school year until all mandatory screenings have been done. Parents will be notified if there are any abnormal findings. These are only screenings and should never replace a thorough exam by your doctor. If your child is already under the care of a physician and wears (or should be wearing) hearing aids, please let the school nurse know. If parents request that their child NOT be screened for hearing, the must notify the building nurse by the start of the school year. Notification will be required annually.

The health and well-being of your child is of utmost concern to us. The time you take in this matter is very much appreciated.