

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR KINDERGARTEN ENTRY

MUST BE ON FILE PRIOR TO THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Illinois State Law requires both a physical examination and certain immunizations for all students entering Kindergarten. These requirements must be completed anytime between now and registration.

Physical examinations must be completed and recorded on the approved "Certificate of Child Health Examination." These may be performed either by advance practice nurses (APNs), physician assistants (PAs) or physicians. **Be sure your child's form is signed and dated.** Parents must also complete the medical history portion in the upper left hand corner. At this time, the Illinois State Board of Education is in the process of developing a revised form to accommodate changes in immunization rules and regulations. Schools will be notified when this new form is available.

Immunizations: DPT, Polio (IPV/OPV), MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella), Hepatitis B and Varicella.

DPT: a series of 4 doses. 4 or more doses are required with at least 4 weeks (28 days), between the first 3 doses. The interval between the third and fourth dose must be at least 6 months. The last dose must be given on after the fourth birthday.

Polio: 3 or more doses (either OPV/IPV) are required

* A child who received any combination of IPV and OPV must show proof of having received at least 4 doses, the last given on or after the fourth birthday. Doses in the series must be no less than 1 month (28 days) apart.

* A child who received IPV or OPV exclusively must show proof of at least 3 doses, with the last dose having been received on or after the fourth birthday. Doses in the series must have been received no less than 4 weeks (28 days) apart.

Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR): 2 doses are required. The first must be given at 12 months of age or older. The second dose must be given no less than 4 weeks (28 days) after the first dose.

Hepatitis B: Children entering a school program after July 1, 2002 must show proof of having received 3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine. The first 2 doses must have been received no less than 4 weeks (28 days) apart. The interval between the first and third dose must be at least 4 months, and must have been on or after 6 months of age. Proof of current or prior infection, verified by laboratory evidence also may be submitted as proof of immunity.

Varicella: All children entering Kindergarten must provide proof of having at least 1 dose of varicella vaccine on or after the first birthday. Proof of prior varicella disease **documented by healthcare providers or laboratory evidence of immunity** is also acceptable.

Dental Examination: Mandatory.

TB Screening: Highly recommended.

Lead Screening: Determined by your health care provider.

Medical Objections: from any of the requirements must be written by your health care provider and filed with the health record.

Religious Objections: from any of the requirements must be accompanied by a written statement of the parents' religious beliefs and filed with the health record.

DENTAL & VISION EXAMINATIONS ARE MANDATORY FOR KINDERGARTEN ENTRY.
See the Vision Exam information.