

St. Margaret of Cortona School

2022 – 2023



Parent/Student Handbook

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Where faith and knowledge meet

This Handbook is effective from September 2022 through August 2023.

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Mission Statement

The purpose of St. Margaret of Cortona School is to offer each child the spiritual, intellectual, personal and social foundation through which he/she will be able to lead a productive and fulfilling Christian life.

Our academic standards reflect a Christocentric philosophy where the Gospel is nurtured through a unified effort of parents, teachers and the total school community. The students reflect our goals as they move beyond the classroom to celebrate and extend Christ's message to the Christian community.

We strive to cultivate the varied talents of our students through intellectual, artistic, physical, emotional, and social development, always stressing the importance of the individual within the framework of a value-oriented community.

Welcome

“Tomorrow’s world depends on today’s education, and education cannot be seen merely as a transmission of knowledge. It forms people and prepares them for their participation in social life by fostering their psychological, intellectual, cultural, moral, and spiritual maturity.”

Toward a Pastoral Approach to Culture

Dear St. Margaret of Cortona School Parents and Students,

Welcome to St. Margaret of Cortona Catholic School, a proud ministry here in the Bronx and in service to the entire Northwest/South Bronx Region. In choosing St. Margaret of Cortona Catholic School, you have demonstrated a commitment to the values and philosophy of a Catholic education.

Please read the handbook in its entirety and become acquainted with the policies and procedures of SMCS.

After reviewing the handbook, you and your child, if in grade two or higher, are asked to sign the signature sheet per regional policy. By signing this form, you and your child agree to comply with the school policy as stated in the handbook. This signed and dated form must be turned in to your child’s homeroom teacher or to the office by the deadline indicated. If you need further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

This handbook will be in effect as of September 2022. Revisions may be issued throughout the school year and will be effective as soon as the revision is distributed to parents/guardians.

The faculty and staff of St. Margaret’s continues to be extremely grateful for the blessings that have been bestowed upon our school, and in our community at large for this gift of Catholic education. Our goal continues: “To Teach as Jesus Taught.” Our focus is on Catholic formation, academic excellence, service to God and neighbor. We are grateful for the sacrifice and hard work of all those involved in helping our school to blossom. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide us to new levels.

In Him, Hugh M. Keenan, SMCS Principal

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School Philosophy

The primary purpose of St. Margaret of Cortona School is to offer each child the spiritual, intellectual, personal and social foundation through which he or she will be able to lead a productive and fulfilling Christian life.

Our academic standards reflect a Christocentric philosophy where the Gospel message is nurtured through a unified effort of parents, teachers, and the total school community. The students reflect our goals as they move beyond the classroom to celebrate and extend Christ's message to the Christian community.

The school endorses the call of the Bishops of the United States to express its educational ministry through the three objectives: personal spirituality, social justice, and a strong academic program in accord with Christian values. This commitment extends to building Christian community and to fostering Christian service to the whole family.

We strive to cultivate the varied talents of our students through intellectual, artistic, physical, moral, emotional and social development, always stressing the importance of the individual within the framework of a value centered community. It is our goal to send each student on to higher education with knowledge of his/her Catholic faith, self-knowledge and a commitment to helping others.

Our school accomplishes these goals through its policies, procedures and through a unified curriculum. This curriculum utilizes varied approaches that attempt to meet the needs of each student while enhancing his/her individual abilities.

History

In 1910, the pastor of St. Margaret of Cortona Parish, Father Murray, decided to construct a parish school. Located on W260th St., the school was called Lavelle Hall, and the building was two stories with five classrooms and a capacity of 180 students. This original building still stands with its large entry hall, the huge staircase that leads to the nurse and classrooms on the third floor. Financial restraints at the time prevented the school from opening so Father Murray leased the building to the public-school system. It was used as an annex to PS. 7 until 1926.



When Monsignor Joseph Doyle became pastor in 1925, he wanted the building to be a parish school. The timing was right as the building for PS 81 had just been completed. Monsignor asked the Sisters of Charity to staff St. Margaret of Cortona School. Sister Regina Concepta Mulhall, principal, and five other Sisters became the first faculty. As enrollment continued to grow, it was decided in 1928 to expand. An auditorium/gymnasium was added on the ground floor with eight classrooms above and a convent on the third floor. The basement contained a large kitchen, lunchroom, and a Club Room. After WW II the population of Riverdale exploded with new apartment buildings and there was a need for additional space. In 1955 another eight classrooms were built (known as the “new school”) joining the “old school” on the Southwest side facing out toward Riverdale Avenue.

St. Margaret of Cortona School has educated thousands of New York youth for 110 years, and many advancements in curriculum have been made. The school has been wired for the Internet, renovations and updates to the school computer/media center have taken place, establishing a school-wide technology network, Smart Boards/Smart TV's in each of the classrooms are used every day, and individual devices are used extensively by every student.

We have so much to be proud of at St. Margaret of Cortona School!

Purpose of the Handbook

The purpose of this handbook is to acquaint parents and students with our school and to inform you of the policies, regulations, and requirements that will govern your time at St. Margaret of Cortona Catholic School. A good understanding of this handbook will unite us in community as we strive to help your children in their spiritual, physical, intellectual, creative, and emotional growth so that they can become vibrant citizens of our school, parish, community, nation, and world.

The principal of St. Margaret of Cortona reserves the right to conduct the affairs of the school and to exercise discretion in a manner deemed consistent with its goals and policies. This handbook is not intended and should not be considered to create any additional rights for students and/or parents/guardians.

Handbook Philosophy

St. Margaret of Cortona School endorses the call of the Catholic Bishops of the United States to express its educational ministry through the three objectives of personal spirituality, social justice, and a strong academic program in accord with Christian values. This commitment extends to building Christian community and to fostering Christian service to the whole human family.

To provide for the continued formation of the Christian person in a unique environment in which students, teachers, and parents experience the presence and divine guidance of the Holy Spirit. The environment stimulates and promotes a community of believers and learners in the spirit of Jesus Christ as experienced in the Catholic Church and lived out as active citizens in today's society.

To provide opportunities for our students and staff to employ the intercession of our patroness – Mary, the Mother of God – in their daily educational activities.

To employ highly qualified teachers and administrators personally committed to their faith and dedicated to sharing and passing on this faith. As enthusiastic advocates of their profession, they impart in their students the love of learning.

To provide resources, which stimulate individual growth and integrity in consonance with Christian ideals.

To provide facilities for St. Margaret of Cortona School, which are supported by St. Margaret of Cortona Parish and the Catholic School Region of the Northwest South Bronx. As a result, students and teachers are drawn to live the Gospel message, unite in worship, respond to the needs of the community with fellowship and social justice, and serve others through the sharing of their spiritual gifts and temporal goods for the betterment of all.

Goals

To provide a holistic, educationally oriented approach to the spiritual, physical, intellectual, creative, and emotional growth of the students.

To stimulate and challenge students to reach their maximum potential spiritually, physically, intellectually, creatively, and emotionally.

To present, through word and example, the Gospel message of Catholic Christian morals and values with the ultimate goal of carryover of these principles into adult life.

To impart in our students the knowledge and skills needed to respect and maintain a healthy body as a temple of the Holy Spirit and to respect themselves and others as unique gifts from God.

To instill in our students a love of learning, including inquisitiveness toward new concepts and challenges, and an appreciation of education as a life-long learning process.

To challenge students academically and help them realize the importance of giving back to their parishes and communities as they become vehicles of passing on their knowledge to a future generation.

To foster and direct the creative and aesthetic potential of students, encouraging the appreciation of all the world God has created.

To stimulate and nurture students emotionally to respecting all human life with dignity regardless of race, creed, color, gender or ethnic origin; and to respect all of the nations of the world as humanity struggles for international peace and justice.

Objectives

The St. Margaret of Cortona Catholic School community will strive:

To form the Christian ideal of unity through prayer, service and community involvement. This includes the involvement of the family, parish, community, and world in the educational process.

To teach all subjects thoroughly, modeling learning, especially learning of the Catholic faith, as a way of life. This includes instruction in virtues that foster respect for the dignity of the person, including development of physical and emotional fitness, and lifelong health and safety.

To develop and implement a holistic curriculum that fosters learning as a life skill, including continued growth in the area of staff development to support curriculum enhancement.

To present a holistic curriculum, including but not limited to, fine arts and physical education that embodies the development of our individual God-given gifts. This includes curricular and extra-curricular activities that challenge students spiritually, physically, intellectually, creatively, and emotionally.

To present opportunities for service and mission that encompass local, national, and global needs, including programs that help the needy, highlight a respect for life, and includes an international perspective.

Signature Policy

This handbook is a binding document that is written under the direction of the policies of the Catholic Archdiocese of New York as well as state and federal laws that pertain to Catholic schools. The school must have a signed agreement on file between the parent/guardian and the school in order for the student to remain in school.

School's Right to Amend

The Principal reserves the right to amend the handbook without prior notice. Revisions may be issued throughout the school year and will be effective as soon as the revision is distributed. Teachers have individual practices and procedures in their classrooms that may not be covered by this handbook. In all cases, the interpretation of the handbook remains with the administration.

General Information

Office Hours

The school office hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. weekdays. On early dismissal days, the office will be open from 7:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. At any other time, a parent may leave a message on the answering machine.

During the summer, the office is open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM.

School Calendar

The school calendar is approved by the Catholic Archdiocese of New York and contains 175 instructional and 5 conference days for a total of 180 days.

Academic Expectations

The school expects students to perform to the best of their ability. Teachers are expected to evaluate student progress on a regular basis. Students will be given quizzes or tests regularly. After the test is graded, it will be sent home for the parent to review and sign. A parent's signature indicates that the parent is aware of the student's progress.

Graduation

At the discretion of the principal, each school has the right not to certify the student's graduation or provide transcripts of the student's academic record to third parties such as other schools, colleges, or employers, or to issue a diploma to the student, if there has been a breach of a material condition of this educational contract (i.e., failure to meet financial obligations, infractions against the school's code of conduct, etc.).

Homework

Homework is an essential part of the instructional program, reinforces learning, and provides students with opportunities to practice what they have learned. This practice helps students establish good study habits, become independent learners, and strong readers, writers, and mathematicians. All homework times include 15 minutes of reading (or being read to).

The time allotments for homework (written and study) are as follows:

Grade K	may be given occasional homework assignments related to the curriculum
Grades 1 & 2	approximately 30 minutes
Grades 3 & 4	approximately 45 minutes
Grades 5 & 6	approximately 90 minutes
Grades 7 & 8	approximately 120 minutes

Students are required to complete all homework.

Grades and Grading

Report cards are distributed four times a year for Grades K to 8. Pre-K report cards are distributed three times a year. The report card is an important part of the ongoing communication between the school and the home.

Academic Achievement

The first part of the Archdiocesan Report Card is used to mark the student's achievement in academic subjects.

The achievement mark in each quarter is based upon the demonstration of mastery of material covered in class such as:

- classwork/participation
- homework
- quizzes
- formative assessments
- summative assessments

Foreign Language will be given a letter grade if the class meets for less than 120 minutes per week or a numerical grade only if the class meets for more than 120 minutes per week.

The Final Report Card Grade is the weighted average of the four previous quarter grades (with mid-year and end-year tests in Religion for grades 3-5 and in all core subjects for grades 6-8). This Final Grade will be recorded on the student's permanent record.

Numerical marks are recorded on report cards for Grades 1– 8.

The marks are an average of summative assessments, quizzes, classwork, homework, and formative assessments

Passing is any mark 70% or above or any mark of D or higher.

Parents should be informed in a timely manner in the event of a student who is not satisfactorily performing in a course or activity.

Character Development (E.13)

The Conduct and General Effort Scale indicates grades for General Effort and Character Development. A single letter grade is used with progress codes indicating improvement needed in any sub-category.

Honor Roll (G.4)

Below are the criteria for earning a spot on the Honor Roll.

Grades 4 – 6	First Honors	95% average; no Report Card grade less than 90%
	Second Honors	90% average; no Report Card grade less than 85%
	Third Honors	85% average; no Report Card grade less than 80%
Grades 7 – 8	First Honors	95% average; no Report Card grade less than 90%
	Second Honors	90% average; no Report Card grade less than 85%
	Third Honors	85% average; no Report Card grade less than 80%

Good conduct is a requirement to receive Honors. Therefore, a student must receive an A (excellent) or B (good) in conduct to be eligible for honors. A student who does not receive an A or B in Conduct will not receive First or Second Honors even though marks might warrant it.

Report Card Distribution (G.4)

Report cards are distributed in November, January, April, and June. Report cards will be withheld if financial obligations have not been met and fees are outstanding.

Final report cards may not be given before the assigned date of June 16th. In the event that a student will leave school prior to the last day in June and all financial obligations have been met, the report will be released on the final day of school.

Retention/Promotion (G.5)

Very few decisions we make about children are more important than recommendations to promote or to retain a student. When a school accepts a student, that school accepts the responsibility for providing appropriate instruction to help the student achieve the prescribed goals. If the student successfully achieves the program's objectives, the student progresses to the next level.

Testing, diagnosis, and actual performance, however, may indicate that some students cannot follow the school's complete course of study. The principal and school faculty develop for each of these students a special program, based on the school's regular program, which follows the New York State Standards and Archdiocesan Essential Learnings. A copy of the student's modified program is retained in the student's file. Conferences must be held with the parents periodically to inform them of the specific demands of this program and on-going progress. Therefore, the decision to retain a student presupposes that the school has done everything to help the student achieve success, and the student still has not made satisfactory progress.

If a student is being considered for retention, teachers must begin discussing this possibility early in the school year with the principal. Parent conferences must be held periodically, and notification of the possibility of retention must be made no later than mid-January, with written notation having been made on the report card. Although the teacher consults with the principal, the final decision for retaining a student rests with the principal.

The following table indicates the specific failures by grade level that might result in retention at that grade level:

<u>LEVEL</u>	<u>ACADEMIC PROGRESS</u>
Kindergarten	Evidence that the child is not meeting academic expectations of the program.
Grade 1	Evidence of insufficient developmental progress and a failure in English Language Arts (ELA)
Grade 2	Failure in ELA
Grade 3	Failures in ELA and Mathematics
Grade 4, 5, 6	Failures in ELA and Mathematics, <i>or</i>

	Failures in ELA or Mathematics and failures in two of the following subjects: Religion, Science, and Social Studies
Grade 7, 8	Failures in ELA and Mathematics <i>or</i> Failure in ELA <i>or</i> Failures in ELA or Mathematics and failure in one of the following subjects: Religion, Science, and Social Studies

The following types of behavior might indicate unacceptable progress:

- failure to complete assignments
- failures on multiple summative assessments
- repeated scores of 1 (“below standards”) in several standard domains on report card

Generally, a student would be retained only once in the elementary grades (1 - 5), and only once in the upper grades (6 - 8).

If a student completes all requirements for promotion or graduation, a family cannot self-select the student to be retained in their grade.

Assessments

In addition to class and school exams, every student will take part in the Archdiocesan testing program which includes the Archdiocesan religion tests, MAP assessments, and New York State Education Department assessments. All students enrolled at our school are expected to participate in all exams and assessments. No alternative assignments will be provided.

Archdiocesan Religion Exam (In June, the Archdiocesan Religion exam will be used as the student’s End-Year Examinations in Religion for Grades 6-8.)

Religion Mid-year and Final Exams	Grade 3 to 8	January and June
Core Subject* Mid Year and Final Exams	Grade 6 to 8	January and June

Interim Assessments

<u>Interim Assessments – Administered Three Times per Year</u>	
Grades K-8	NWEA MAP Interim Assessments

NY State Tests

<u>New York State Exams</u>	
Grade	Tests
3 - 8	English Language Arts and Mathematics

The faculty of the school reviews these test results regularly for the purpose of promotion or retention in conjunction with classroom performance and grouping for reading and math.

Accidents

Student accident insurance is included in the school's yearly fees. In the event of an accident at school, you may obtain a claim form from the office.

Please note that the school accident insurance usually is secondary to the parent's own medical insurance coverage.

Admission Policies

Roman Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of New York base their educational purpose and all their activities on the Christian teaching of the essential equality of all persons as rooted in God's love.

Thus, with discrimination so repugnant to their nature and mission, Catholic schools in this Archdiocese do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin, or gender in administration of educational policies, admission policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school-administered programs.

This policy is subscribed to by all Catholic elementary and secondary schools in the Archdiocese of New York, whether owned or operated by the parishes within the Archdiocese, Catholic school regions, or religious communities within the Archdiocese.

The process for admission to the school is: parents must complete the school application form and provide all required documents. For regional schools, this application is found online and is processed through TADS Admissions. Following an interview and evaluation of the materials, the parent will be notified in writing about the status of the child. For regional schools, this notification occurs via email.

While admission is on a first-come, first served basis, the school endeavors to give preference in admission following these guidelines: first, to siblings of currently enrolled students; second, to Catholic students whose parents are active members of the parish, or if a regional school, active in a parish in the region; third, to Catholic students whose parents are active in another Catholic parish or, if a regional school, active in a parish outside the region; and fourth, to non-Catholic students.

After School Activities and Enrichment Programs

An after school program is available to parents. As long as a student is engaged in school sponsored programs or activities, the student is expected to follow school policy. Directors of individual activities may also issue rules of behavior, which recognize the special nature of non-classroom activities. In instances where students are picked up, parents are expected to make arrangements to pick up their children at the end of the program or activity. Students will be released only to a parent or a person previously specified IN WRITING by the parent. Program fees are expected to be paid in full upon being invoiced. Past due balances will result in your child not being allowed to participate in the program until their accounts are brought up to date.

Announcements

Informational announcements are handled through the school P.A. system. Courteous attention is expected when any message is presented over the P.A. system, especially when prayers are said. All announcements must be written, brought to the office and approved by the principal.

Attendance

In the State of New York, full-time education is compulsory from age six to age 16. Regular attendance is the responsibility of the child(ren)'s parent or guardian.

Excused Absence: A child is legally absent from school for the following reasons: sickness, sickness or death in the family, impassable roads or extreme weather. All other absences are unexcused.

When the child returns to school from an absence, a completed absence form must be given to the teacher (See Appendix). This form is distributed at the beginning of the school year and contains appropriate spaces for the child's name, date of absence, class, reason for absence, and the signature of a parent or guardian.

Lateness: A child should come to school even though he/she may be late. All lateness is recorded and marked on the report card. Parents will be consulted about chronic lateness, and the child may be required to make up time missed.

Doctor or dental appointments should be scheduled for after school or on Saturdays. Family vacations are not to be planned for those days when school is in session. The school provides families with an annual calendar to ensure that does not happen. If it is necessary for a child to be dismissed during the school day, the parent or adult (must be 18 years of age or older) chosen by the parent **MUST** come to the school for the child. The school must be informed ahead of time about such occurrences.

Students in kindergarten through grade eight who miss ten or more days of the school year, whether excused or unexcused, and who have not satisfactorily completed the required work, may be considered for retention. Students with more than 10 absences are in jeopardy of not successfully completing the school year. Principals will meet with the student's parents/legal guardians to determine appropriate next steps. Certification of an absence by a physician is an exception to the ten-day limit. However, satisfactory completion of required work is required.

Since NYS does not specify a number of days that a student should be absent before retention is considered, we do not think that there should be an arbitrary number indicated in the handbook. Students in kindergarten through grade eight who miss ten or more days of the school year, whether excused or unexcused, and who have not satisfactorily completed the required work, may be considered for retention. Students with more than 10 absences are in jeopardy of not successfully completing the school year. Principals will meet with the student's parent/guardian to determine appropriate next steps. Certification of an absence by a physician is an exception to the ten-day limit. However, satisfactory completion of required work is mandatory.

When a child is absent, parents are required to phone the school by 9:00 A.M. Absence notes are still required in addition to the phone call. Excessive absences and lateness may be reason for not receiving Honors. It may also be considered educational neglect.

Birthday Parties

Birthday parties for Grades Pre K – 3 may be held monthly in each homeroom with the teacher's permission. Parents should notify the teacher in writing. Parents may bring small individual items such as cupcakes, brownies, etc. Parents may not bring in favors or "goodie" bags for the students.

Books

All resource materials chosen for use in academic courses must be consistent with the religious nature of our schools. Books, DVDs, or other electronic-based supplementary resources that contain profanity, inappropriate sexual references, and other immoral information would be in violation of this policy.

All books must be properly covered. Contact paper is NOT to be used to cover any books obtained under N.Y.S. Textbook Loan. These books are stamped on the inside front cover. Each child is responsible for keeping his/her books in good condition. Books that are lost or defaced become the liability of the student and his/her parents. If a book is lost or defaced, the school will bill the parents for the cost.

ASSIGNED TEXTBOOKS: When a textbook is lent to a pupil on a semi-permanent basis, the New York State Department of Education requires that:

- the pupil's name be placed in the space provided in each book
- the teacher make a record of the number of the book
- the teacher make a record of the condition of the book
- in September, each child will put a clean cover on each textbook received
- in June, all textbooks are collected, extra materials and covers are removed
- all workbooks are collected in June

SUPPLEMENTARY BOOKS: When books are handed out to the children for use during a specific period within the classroom, they will be immediately collected after they have been read. If the book is to remain with the child for any length of time, his/her name must appear in the book and the teacher should have a record of this.

Change of Address, E-mail, Phone

The office must be informed immediately if there is a change of home address, email address, cell phone number, or home telephone number for purposes of mailing and/or emergency notification.

Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People

All institutions and programs of the Archdiocese will comply with the Safe Environment Policies of the Archdiocese.

The Department of Education has developed a curriculum for the children in our parishes and schools, entitled "Right, Safe, Good Relationships", which provides age-appropriate instruction in child sexual abuse. The lessons in this curriculum must be given annually to all children in all grades.

Parents reserve the right to remove their children from the classes. The school administration should take care to cause as little embarrassment of these students as possible.

If parents choose not to have their child participate in the safe environment classes, the parents will be offered training materials, and will be asked to sign a form acknowledging that the materials were made available to them. This form will be maintained in the records of the school. If the parents decline to sign such a form, a notation of this will be made in a record maintained by the school.

Child Abuse Laws

Under NYS law, school personnel are legally obliged to report any suspected cases of child abuse or neglect to the proper agency. In so reporting, no allegation is made against a parent or caregiver. Rather, it is a judgment by the school that the child may be presenting signs of abuse or neglect.

Child Custody

At the time of school entry or at any other time when a change in custody status/arrangements occurs, it is the responsibility of the parent(s) to provide the principal with a copy of the legal document from the parent for any student for which there is a legal custody agreement or for any student not residing with his/her parent.

School communication with the appropriate guardian is essential. Accordingly:

- Custodial parents must identify in writing other adults who may have access to information regarding their child.
- Non-custodial parents may receive information (when requested) regarding the child unless specific documentation to the contrary is provided in the legal custody agreement.
- Non-custodial parents may pick up a child only if written permission has been granted by the custodial parent.

Communication

Since, as parents, you are the child's first teachers, you are our partners in education. Therefore, regular communication with you is an essential part of your child's school experience. Scheduled parent conferences allow teachers and parents to discuss student achievement as well as to develop means to assist students in areas of difficulty.

A parent may request a meeting with a teacher at any time by simply sending a note to the teacher in question and the teacher will arrange for this meeting outside class time at a mutually convenient time. The meeting should take place in the classroom or someplace that ensures privacy; never in a hallway or on the street. A parent who is refused such a meeting should notify the principal.

Parent-teacher conferences will be scheduled each year in conjunction with report card distribution to provide an opportunity for in-depth discussion of student growth. Parent-teacher conferences are required at the end of the first marking period. Teachers are expected to be reasonably available to parents throughout the school year in order to keep open the lines of communication in the best interest of the students.

Respectful communication fosters a positive home-school relationship. As such, disparaging the school, students, administration, faculty, and staff either verbally or on social media is unacceptable, will harm the relationship between your family and the school, and may jeopardize the continued enrollment of your child in the school.

Confidentiality

There is a professional, legal and moral ethic that requires all persons to safeguard all student information of a privileged nature.

It is imperative that such information be regarded as a sacred trust.

If there is evidence of knowledge that could impact the health or safety of any person, the teacher has the responsibility to share the information with the principal. Under Section 423 of the Child Protective Services Act, school officials are required to report when they have reasonable cause to suspect that a child coming before them in their professional or official capacity is an abused or maltreated child (See section on Child Abuse).

The rules that govern privileged information apply, as well, to any personal or academic information that is discovered through daily classroom instruction or other social interaction with students, parents or peers. Always, the sense of confidentiality should prevail.

Contacts with the Media

Parents have the right to exclude their children from videotaping, audio recording, school pictures, other photography or participation involving printed materials or on the internet. Parents should provide such documentation to the school office; otherwise, they must fill out the media authorization release form. If enrolled in a regional school, this media authorization and release was embedded within the online registration process, so the written form is not required, unless a family wishes to change their preference during the course of the school year. Parents of students enrolled in Universal Pre-Kindergarten Classes should fill out the media authorization form at the end of this handbook.

Crisis/Emergency Information

Catholic schools throughout the Archdiocese of New York utilize the Immediate Response Information System (IRIS Alert) to notify parents directly about the crises.

Should a crisis require evacuation from the school building, students will be brought to a safe place located at Hayes Auditorium, College of Mt. St. Vincent, and parents/guardian should meet them at that location.

Daily Schedule

The following schedule will be observed by Grades PK - 8:

7:00 AM	Early Drop Off (breakfast)
7:50 AM	Enter School
8:00 AM	School Begins
11:45 AM	First Lunch
12:15 AM	Second Lunch
12:50 PM	Third Lunch
2:45 PM	Prayers
2:50 PM	Dismissal

Before **7:50 AM** and after **3:00 PM** the school does not have staff available to watch out for problems on school grounds or to supervise children on school grounds. Students must not arrive on the school grounds prior to **7:50 AM** and parents must arrange pickup at dismissal times.

To avoid interruption during the school day, any messages, forgotten lunches, books boots, etc., must be taken to the office and not to the classrooms while school is in session. The school office will see to it that the child receives these items.

Discipline Code for Student Conduct

The goal of discipline in a Catholic school is for students to learn self-discipline, which strengthens and promotes the values incorporated in our Catholic faith community. As the school builds community, it develops in students the awareness that sensible rules serve to safeguard the individual's freedom and provide an atmosphere conducive to learning. Disciplinary measures should have as an end the development of the human person who respects one's self, other persons and those in authority.

By enrolling a child in this school, the parent agrees to be supportive of the rules and regulations that we deem as critical in the spiritual, academic, and behavioral growth of the child.

Teachers discipline students directly for minor classroom disruptions (i.e., not coming prepared to class; not being in the complete school uniform; not completing assigned homework; minor verbal disputes with other classmates; etc.). Parents are notified of classroom problems by the teacher and are asked to help the teacher to ensure that inappropriate behavior is modified.

Teachers are not permitted to use corporal punishment on any child. Perceived acts of corporal punishment should be reported to the principal of the school immediately by students and/or parents.

It happens that some classroom discipline issues are referred to the administration of this school. This would include chronic minor problems listed above or major problems (i.e., chronic lateness; verbal abuse of the teacher by a child; signs of disrespect to a teacher or another adult on the staff; fighting; physical, sexual, or verbal harassment or bullying of a fellow student; violent behavior; stealing; smoking; vandalism; or the possession of drugs, drug paraphernalia, cigarettes, alcohol, dangerous items or a weapon). The administration handles such matters in a variety of ways depending on the severity of the incident.

The school employs a progressive discipline system for minor acts of misbehavior in order to encourage students to change inappropriate behavior so that sanctions do not increase in severity. For minor infractions students are often given conduct referrals or detentions. Repeated violation of these rules and regulations may result in suspension from school or the non-re-registration of the child for the next school year.

For more serious acts of misbehavior such as, but not limited to, fighting, stealing, vandalism, and harassment, the student is immediately suspended for a period of one to five days. In cases of vandalism, the parent must pay the full cost of the repair or replacement of the item before the child may return to school. In cases of theft, the item is either returned in good condition or the cost of replacement is borne by the parent before the child can return to school.

In cases where a child engages in a fight which causes injury to another child or adult, the police may be summoned and, then, the parents will be notified. Likewise, the possession of drugs or alcohol by a child is reported to the police. The school reserves the right to request an expulsion from the Superintendent of Schools for such an offense.

In cases in which a child brings a weapon to school, the police are summoned, and then the parents are called. The school reserves the right to request expulsion by the Superintendent of Schools for any serious offense.

Individual-directed threats of violence or harm communicated directly or indirectly by any means, as well as building-directed threats of violence or harm communicated directly or indirectly by any means (e.g., shooting, bomb threats), or to harm students, employees, or visitors are taken seriously. Upon knowledge of the threats, the principal will notify the Regional Superintendent and call the parents. The Office of the Superintendent will also be notified and, along with administration, will determine the course of action to be taken up to and including calling law enforcement, requiring a mental health referral and/or expulsion.

It is the expectation of this school that student behavior is exemplary both on and off school grounds. A student always represents the entire school community. Therefore, the school reserves the right to discipline students for acts such as, but not limited to: stealing, fighting, vandalism, bullying or any other type of threatening or inappropriate misconduct (personally, via telephone, or the internet). Such misconduct could result in punishments including suspension and/or expulsion.

Lastly, a child's arrest for a crime on or off of school grounds, within or beyond the vicinity of the school, at any time could result in the child's suspension or expulsion. A child's conviction of a crime on or off of school grounds, within or beyond the vicinity of the school, will likely result in a child's expulsion.

Drug and Alcohol Policies

In recognition of the seriousness of drug and alcohol problems to which the children are exposed, school will follow the policy as stated below:

- If a teacher suspects that a child is under the influence of either drugs or alcohol, the matter will be referred to the principal immediately;
- The principal will verify the teacher's observation and will notify parents,
- If the student confirms suspicion or appears unstable, student should be brought to the attention of the School Nurse (as per the Emergency Guidelines)
- If necessary, the principal will call 911 (as per the Emergency Guidelines)
- The police may be called if the student is in possession of an illegal substance (as per the Emergency Guidelines),
- Parents must pick up the child immediately should it be determined that the suspicion is founded. Parents will be expected to follow the recommendations of the school principal if the child is to continue in the school; and
- Any student who appears to be under the influence of alcohol or any drug, and appears at a school function in questionable condition, will be barred from attending or participating in that ceremony, party, dance, or school outing. Parents will be notified and appropriate action will be taken, which may include suspension or expulsion from the school.

Electronic Devices

Electronic devices may be dynamic tools in the 21st century school environment, but only when used appropriately by faculty, administration, staff, and students.

The use of electronic devices by faculty, administration, staff and students must be appropriate to the educational setting, and may not distract the student, other students, or the class as a whole during the course of the school day and after school. (i.e., cell phones, iPads, iPhones, Smart Watches and other personal electronic devices). In the event an electronic device, including a student cell phone, is believed to contain evidence of a violation of school policy and/or a threat to the school community, the individual possessing the electronic device is obliged to grant the administration of the school access to the device and the information on the device to ensure compliance with policy and the safety of the school.

Inappropriate use of any electronic device may result in serious consequences as stated in the school's Technology Use Policy.

Emergency Closings/Delayed Openings

There may be occasions when severe weather, dangerous road conditions, or other emergencies make it necessary to close school during the school day. If this occurs, parents will be notified via our school Instant Alert System. For this reason, information provided by parents on the Registration Documents and on the Instant Alert System must be accurate and up to date. Parents are asked to provide the name of the person(s) and phone numbers of those who will be responsible for the student when he/she arrives home. Students will only be released to the person(s) indicated on the emergency card.

The schools in the Archdiocese of New York follow the policy of local public schools when closing due to inclement weather, loss of power or other issues.

In addition to following the lead of New York City public schools, Catholic schools in the Bronx, Manhattan and Staten Island, may need to close based on local situations. That said, all closure decisions must be approved by the Superintendent of Schools.

Catholic schools throughout the Archdiocese of New York utilize an Immediate Response Information System to notify parents directly about delayed openings and closures due to weather.

When a school in the Archdiocese is closed for the day due to inclement weather or other unforeseen situation all school-related extracurricular activities, interscholastic contests, team practices and field trips will be cancelled.

After School and/or extended day care programs will be closed also.

***Please note that each family is responsible for keeping Instant Alert Information current.

Expectations and Responsibilities for Students

Students attend the school in order to develop fully their God-given talents and capabilities. To accomplish this, students are asked to:

- do their best work at all times
- treat all members of the school community (i.e., teachers, staff, priests, parents and students) with respect, including respecting the work of others by not cheating
- obey all school rules and regulations, including those forbidding the use of drugs, alcohol, cigarettes, or disruptive behavior
- develop personal standards of conduct that reflect Christian morals and behavior, and refrain from use of inappropriate language, verbal threats, and sexual behavior (including touching, gestures, writing, and dress)
- speak in a well-modulated tone of voice
- observe the school dress code, including standards on no-uniform days
- help care for school property and keep the school free from damage and defacement
- report concerns to an adult, especially if they witness what they know to be a violation of school conduct policy, violent or criminal act or become aware of a potentially violent or criminal act in school or at a school function

Extracurricular Activities

Students are encouraged to participate in the extracurricular activities of the school. Participation in these activities is a privilege. Students are expected to fulfill their obligations in the classroom (class work and homework). In order to participate in extracurricular activities, students must pass each subject on their report card and model acceptable behavior both during the school day and during the selected activity. Failure to meet academic or behavioral requirements will result in the student's suspension or dismissal from the activity. Participation in these activities requires a commitment of both student and parent. Attendance will be taken at each activity to determine a student's participation. In individual cases regarding participation in extracurricular activities, the principal holds the final determination.

Faculty Meetings

The school will schedule early dismissal days to accommodate faculty meetings and professional development throughout the school year. The dates and times for these early dismissal days are provided on the school calendar.

Faculty meetings are scheduled on the last Friday of each month, unless parents are otherwise notified. All children in grades K – 8 will be dismissed at 11:30 AM. This excludes 3K & 4K on these days.

Field Trips

Field trips must serve an educational purpose and their value should be an integral part of the school's instructional program. They broaden the students' educational experiences. Field trips are privileges given to students; no student has a right to a field trip.

It is the policy of the schools within the Archdiocese that overnight trips, trips to water parks, amusement parks, dude ranches, beaches/pools, and ski slopes are strictly prohibited.

- Field trips are designed to correlate with teaching units and to achieve curricular goals.
- Field trips vary on each grade level.
- Field trips are permissible when advanced planning, location, and the experience ensure a successful learning opportunity.
- Individual teachers, in consultation with the administration, reserve the right to restrict or deny student participation on any field trip due to, but not limited to, poor academic performance and/or poor conduct or behavior.

A written official permission slip, signed by the parent, is required before a child will be permitted to attend a field trip. Verbal or faxed permission cannot be accepted. Permission slips are due in the office 48 hours before the day of the trip.

Financial Policies

We make every effort to keep tuition and fees as affordable as possible. We also understand the financial sacrifice that parents make to send their children to Catholic school. The majority of the School's funding is derived from tuition and fees. The school must operate in a financially sound manner in order to provide a top quality Catholic education for each and every one of our students.

The school's expectation at the time of registration is that all tuition and fees will be paid on time. Tuition is an annual charge that may be paid in monthly installments. Tuition must be paid directly to Smart Tuition by the designated due date.

Withdrawals and Refunds

Considerable effort and expense is expended throughout the registration period and continues during the summer months as we plan and prepare for your child's inclusion in our school community. We

understand that plans and circumstances sometimes change. Should you decided to withdraw your child, the following policy applies:

- If written notice of withdrawal is received by the school on or before August 15, the entire tuition obligation will be waived, and any payments made will be refunded upon written request to the school.
- If written notice of withdrawal is received by the school after August 15th and the student does not attend, 90% of the tuition will be forgiven. The family is obligated to pay the remaining balance of 10% of the annual tuition as billed. If payments were made in excess of 10% of the annual tuition, a refund for that amount will be refunded upon written request to the school.

If a family chooses to withdraw their child(ren) from the school once they begin attending, the family tuition obligation will be calculated as follows:

Withdrawal Date	Annual Tuition Obligation
September	80% of tuition forgiven; family obligation 20%
October	70% of tuition forgiven; family obligation 30%
November	60% of tuition forgiven; family obligation 40%
December	50% of tuition forgiven; family obligation 50%
January	40% of tuition forgiven; family obligation 60%
February	30% of tuition forgiven; family obligation 70%
March	20% of tuition forgiven; family obligation 80%
April	10% of tuition forgiven; family obligation 90%
May	No adjustment; family obligation 100%
June	No adjustment; family obligation 100%

Calculations will be based on the last month in which the child(ren) attended **one** or more days of school.

If payment has been made in excess of the family obligation, a refund will be granted upon written request to the school.

Student records can only be provided to the child's new school upon satisfaction of the tuition obligation.

Delinquencies

Failure to keep current with your tuition obligation jeopardizes your child(ren)'s placement in school. If tuition and fees cannot be paid on time, families must communicate with school administration in writing to prevent enforcement of delinquent tuition procedures.

- Families whose tuition payment is delinquent (late) will receive a letter from Smart Tuition immediately following the due date.
- Families whose tuition payment is delinquent 60 days will receive a second letter; this letter will come from their principal. If a parent/guardian does not contact the principal within two weeks of receiving this letter, the child(ren) may not be permitted to attend classes.
- Failure to address the delinquent tuition payment/s as agreed with the principal may result in the child(ren)'s suspension.
- Records and report cards cannot be transmitted for students with delinquent tuition payments, and financial aid/scholarships provided will be at risk and may be rescinded.

- Families with delinquent tuition payments may be ineligible to re-register or apply for financial aid for the following school year.
- Students with delinquent tuition payments may not participate in school activities and graduation ceremonies.
- Three or more failed payments within a month will result in a change of payment terms.

Fees

- Families are charged an annual \$40 Smart Tuition administrative fee upon activation of their account.
- Accounts with late payments will be assessed a late fee of \$40 for each late payment.
- Checks and electronic payments that fail (i.e. do not clear the bank) will result in a \$30 fee per occurrence.
- Families may be charged for other fees in addition to tuition (i.e. after school programs, meal programs, graduation, technology or other general fees). These fees are not refundable.
- Fees are not refundable. This includes the Registration Fee paid through TADS.
- Families with accounts requiring collection action will be responsible for paying all associated collection fees, attorney's fees and costs.

Acceptance of this Tuition and Fees Policy: School 2022 - 2023

When completing the registration/re-registration process in TADS, a digital copy of this policy is available for review, and your electronic acceptance will be requested to successfully complete enrollment. Your electronic acceptance confirms the following:

I have read this policy and agree to the following:

- I understand my obligation to make timely tuition payments.
- I understand that Smart Tuition will charge a \$40 administration fee for its service.
- I understand that my account will be assessed a \$40 late fee for each late payment.
- I understand that I will be charged a \$30 fee for returned or rejected checks and failed electronic payments.
- I understand that I have a tuition obligation if withdrawal notice is given after August 15th even if my child does not attend school

Fundraising Activities

The school provides several fundraising opportunities throughout the school year. We encourage families to participate in these opportunities. Requirements for fundraising are listed on the Tuition and Fees Schedule.

Fire & Emergency Drills

Fire & emergency drills at regular intervals are required by the law and are an important safety precaution. It is essential that when the fire signal is given, everyone obeys promptly and clears the building by the prescribed route as quickly as possible. Students are not permitted to talk during a

fire drill and are to remain outside the building until a signal is given to return inside. Teachers will direct the students. For other emergency drills (e.g. lockdown drills), students are expected to remain quiet and follow teacher directions.

Guidelines for the Education of Non-Catholics

Parents must be made aware of the intentional Catholic witness in our schools. As a Catholic school within the Archdiocese of New York, our school has as its primary mission the formation of children in the Catholic faith.

All children will participate in total academic life of our school, including religious education. According to the norms of our Church, it is expected that non-Catholics participate as fully as they can in the liturgical and prayer life of the school.

The religious educators of our schools are committed to teaching the fullness of revelation as it is taught by the Roman Catholic Church and as the life and doctrine are set forth in the Religious Education Guidelines of the Archdiocese of New York. While our teachers value ecumenical education, and respect the traditions of other ecclesiastical communities, they always teach within the context of fidelity to the doctrine and traditions of our teaching church.

Harassment/Bullying Policies

All persons have a right to be treated with dignity and in a Catholic school environment all demeaning behavior is unacceptable. Students, parents or guardians who become aware of acts of bullying or harassment involving any student must report these incidents to the principal.

The school provides a safe environment for all and participates in the ADAPP anti-bullying curriculum annually. Verbal, internet, telephone, or written threats made against the physical or emotional well-being of any individual are taken seriously. Students making such threats, even in jest, face appropriate disciplinary action including detention, suspension, or expulsion. The principal investigates all complaints of harassment and bullying. Students determined to have been involved in harassing and/or bullying behavior are subject to detention, suspension, or expulsion and, where appropriate, will be referred for counseling services and/or reported to the local authorities.

Harassment, intimidation or bullying includes, but is not limited to, written, verbal, or physical acts, which physically harm a student or damages the student's property or has the effect of substantially interfering with a student's education or is so severe, persistent, or pervasive that it creates an intimidating or threatening educational environment or has the effect of substantially disrupting the orderly operation of the school. Harassment, intimidation or bullying can take many forms including: slurs, rumors, jokes, innuendos, demeaning comments, drawings, pranks, gestures, exclusion or other forms of relational aggression, or physical attacks, actions or threats. Actions may take any form including written, oral, physical or electronic.

These behaviors, which are contrary to the teachings of the Catholic Church, are prohibited in all Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of New York and will not be tolerated regardless of time or place.

No student shall be subjected to bullying and harassment on the basis of actual or perceived traits or characteristics i.e., age, color, creed, national origin, race, religion, gender, physical attributes, physical or mental ability, ancestry, political beliefs, socioeconomic status, or familial status.

HIV/AIDS Curriculum

The Archdiocese of New York and the NYS Education Department mandate that all schools within the Archdiocese are to give age-appropriate instruction on *HIV* and *AIDS* to all students in Grades K–12. The schools within the Archdiocese use an HIV/AIDS Handbook developed and approved by the Catholic Bishops of the State of New York.

Schools under the authority of the Office of the Superintendent of Schools of the Archdiocese of New York do not discriminate on the basis of HIV or AIDS. Students with HIV or AIDS shall not be excluded from school by reason of infection with HIV unless the following conditions are evident as determined by the student's physician and parents (or legal guardian), together with the school administration:

- The student is not toilet-trained or is incontinent, or unable to control drooling.
- The student is physically aggressive, with a documented history of biting or harming others.

Illness (see Medication)

If a child has an illness or chronic medical condition, it is the parent's responsibility to notify the school and to provide necessary documentation and medication. The school reserves the right to call 911 in any case of a medical emergency. The following are guidelines that should be followed:

- rest can help you and your child get better sooner, and it helps prevent the spread of germs.
- children with diarrhea should stay home until the diarrhea has stopped
- anyone with a fever should stay home until 24 hours after being fever free or until their doctor says it is okay to go back to school
- children with breathing problems should stay home until the cough is gone (If you child is having difficulty breathing, call you doctor right away.)
- the School Nurse may require a vomiting child to stay home for 24 hours or until the vomiting has stopped

Immunizations

Students are required to have all inoculations as required by the Department of Health before admission to and for continued attendance at the school. See appendix for most current information published by NYC and NYS Departments of Health. It is the responsibility of the parents and their personal physician to ensure that, as immunization requirements change, students are kept current in their schedule.

Lateness

Student lateness interrupts the learning process for your child and all other children in that classroom. Any student arriving at school after the published opening time is considered late. If late, the student may be admitted to class only with a late pass, obtainable in the main office. Repeated lateness affects your child's ability to be on the honor roll, may lead to disciplinary action and could impede your child's re-registration for the coming year.

Liturgy/Religious Education

All Catholic elementary schools will follow and adhere to current Archdiocesan policies and curriculum guidelines in religion.

Students in grades 3 through 8 are required to take a Mid-Term Religion Examination and the Archdiocesan Final Religion Examination.

Non-Catholic students are expected to participate in the religious formation and education programs of the school, including, but not limited to, liturgies, religious functions, and religion classes for credit.

Parents of non-Catholic students must be willing to accept the standards, values, and regulations of the school. They must understand and agree to the religious education program of the school at the time of enrollment.

Lunchroom

The school provides a hot lunch through the local Department or Board of Education.

- Each child is assigned a seat in the lunchroom and is expected to remain in the assigned seat until dismissed.
- It is the responsibility of the individual child to keep the area clean.
- Respect and obedience are to be shown at all times to those who work in the lunchroom.

Maternity/Paternity Policies

As members of the Church committed to the preservation of life at all levels, the Catholic school must act in ways consistent with that commitment. Catholic schools - elementary as well as secondary - are faced sometimes with the situations of unwed mothers and fathers. School officials will consider carefully the consequences of any policies that are adopted. At the very minimum, students will be encouraged to finish their work and to receive grades and diplomas. The decision concerning a student's continued school attendance is made by the principal after consultation with his/her parents or guardians, and in consideration of the best interest of the student, the unborn child, and the school's educational expectations.

Student Abortion Policies

Rationale:

The Catholic Church teaches definitively and without question that life begins at conception. Pope John Paul declared that the Church's teaching on abortion is "unchanged and unchangeable... since it is the deliberate killing of an innocent human being."

Policies:

- If a student decides to obtain an abortion, and if a school learns of it after the fact, she will be allowed to return to school only if she accepts counseling from a counseling program approved by the Office of the Superintendent of Schools.
- If a student refuses counseling, she will not be allowed to continue as a student at the school.

The counseling requirements stated in Policies 1 and 2 also apply to the student who is considered the paternal father.

Guideline:

In the event a student decides to obtain an abortion despite being counseled by the school beforehand, the continued status of the student's enrollment in the school will be determined by the school administration. Factors such as the parents' role in the decision to abort should be taken into consideration.

Medications

If a student needs any kind of medication during the school day, it is the parent/guardian's responsibility to bring the medication to the school nurse (or school office in the absence of a nurse) to be kept there. A written statement from the parent or guardian requesting administration of the medication in school as ordered by the licensed prescriber is required.

- Medication must be presented in a properly labeled container.
- Prescription medication must be in the original container.
- On the prescription medication, the pharmacy label should display:
 - student name
 - name and phone number of the pharmacy
 - licensed prescriber name
 - date and number of refills
 - name of the medication and dosage
 - frequency of administration

Medication should not be transported daily to and from school. Parents should be advised to ask the pharmacist for two containers – one for home and one for school.

The school may receive a written request from a parent or physician to permit a student to carry and self-administer his or her own medication. Under certain circumstances, it may be necessary to do so. Such a decision will be made on a case-by-case basis and will reflect the age and maturity of the child, as well as:

- severity of health care problem, particularly asthmatic or allergic conditions
- prescriber order directing the student be allowed to carry his/her medication
- written statement from parent requesting compliance with prescriber order
- student has been instructed in the procedure for self-administration and can assume this responsibility
- parent contact is made to clarify parental responsibility in monitoring the child on an ongoing basis to ensure the child is carrying and taking the medication as ordered.

MetroCards

Transportation eligibility is based on a student's grade level (K – 8), walking distance between home and school, and existing accommodations based on a medical condition, housing status, or safety assessment.

Student MetroCards are:

- Distributed by your school. You can't get a student MetroCard directly from the MTA.
- Parents MUST request in writing.
- Good for three free rides each school day, between 5:30 a.m. and 8:30 p.m.
 - This includes a free transfer between the subway and local, limited, and Select bus service, or a free transfer between buses.
- Valid for one semester. You'll get a new one each semester. (September & February)

There is also a four-trip student MetroCard for students whose trip to school requires more than one transfer each way. Request this type of card at your school.

Your Student MetroCard is for you and you only! Don't share or you could lose your card.

Remember to always swipe in. That helps us know how many people are riding each line so we can plan service accordingly.

Money

Money that is brought to school for a specific purpose (class trip, book fair, milk money, etc.) must be put into an envelope with the child's name, grade and amount. Since snacks are sold on a daily basis, students may choose to bring in small amounts of money (less than \$5) for such purchases. If a student does bring money to school, the money should be kept on the student's person and not left in the school bag, coat pocket, lunch box, or desk. The school cannot be responsible for lost money.

Parents as Partners

Just as the parents look to the school to provide the facilities and the trained personnel that are essential to their child's proper development, so the school looks to the parents to assume active responsibilities that cannot be delegated to others.

No school can be wholly effective in teaching the values of religion and the virtues of honesty, respect for authority, consideration for the rights and property of others, and standards of personal morality and integrity unless these principles have been established, upheld, and valued in the home. If parents cooperate with the school, instill respect for the integrity of its teachers and administration, and actively support their authority in the home, this is likely to be reflected in the positive attitudes of their children. Parents are invited and encouraged to participate in the spiritual and academic programs developed for the education of their children. The wide spectrum of this involvement includes participation in school celebrations of prayer and liturgy, volunteer work, participation in parent-teacher conferences, attendance at meetings and seminars designed to help parents assist their children at home, and active involvement in the school's parent/teacher organization.

Parents are asked to take an active role in their child's education by:

- assisting their child in his/her academic and moral development by

- carefully reviewing class work, test results, progress reports, and report cards
- supervising home study
- reinforcing school policies
- explaining and reviewing periodically the school behavior code with their child
- parents should discuss school disciplinary episodes in relation to the school behavior code
- recognizing their child's talents and interests so they may be developed in cooperation with the classroom teachers
- seeing that the dress code, including gym uniform, is enforced, and insisting that children dress according to Christian virtue
- insisting on their child's regular school attendance and punctuality and on complying with attendance rules and procedures
- making all tuition and fee payments on time, and participating in fundraising activities
- providing proper supervision at home, and not tolerating harassment, inappropriate or violent behavior, or viewing of such in videos, movies, song lyrics, and on the internet
- teaching their child respect for law, for authority, for the rights of others, and for public and private property; including showing respect for the work of others by not tolerating cheating in any circumstance
- arranging for a time and place for their child to complete homework assignments
- working with the school in a cooperative effort to carry out recommendations made in the best interest of their child, including those related to educational evaluations and counseling.
- attending all Parent-Teacher Conferences and Home-School Association meetings
- by always interacting in a respectful manner when speaking with or about the administration, teachers and staff of the school
- Verbal abuse or physical harassment may result in your child being required to withdraw from the school immediately or not being allowed to re-register for the following year

The education of a student is a partnership between the parents and the school. Just as the parent has the right to withdraw a child if desired, the school administration reserves the right to require the withdrawal of a student if the administration determines that the partnership is irreparably broken.

Parent Organizations

A parent organization provides an effective channel of communication between parents and teachers for the benefit of the students and the whole community. Its main purposes are:

- to create mutual support and understanding between home and school, and thus bring about a total learning environment for students
- to provide a means for keeping parents informed of school activities, programs, etc., and if any, parent service requirement
- to assist the school in meeting its financial obligations, primarily through fundraising activities
- to provide adult education programs

Philosophy and Goals

The school endorses the call of the Catholic Bishops of the United States to express its educational ministry through the three objectives: personal spirituality, social justice, and a strong academic

program in accord with Christian values. This commitment extends to building Christian community and to fostering Christian service to the whole human family.

Release of Students

The school has a sign-out book located in the main office. Occasions for the use of a sign-out book are:

- in the event of a student illness, the parent or an adult designated by the parent must come to the school and take the child. It is against the law to dismiss a child during school hours except into the direct custody of a parent, guardian, or an adult designated by the parent. If the parent cannot be contacted, the secretary will contact the name listed on the child's emergency contact slip. Emergency slips are completed in September and must be updated as necessary.
- for liturgies and services when altar servers leave the school, the students will sign out and in.
- when a student is released to a parent or guardian, that adult (must be 18 years of age or older) must sign the book.
- for a prearranged appointment when the student is released, the parent, guardian, or approved adult must sign the book. **[Please note: only the principal may approve the release of a student for a prearranged appointment.]**

Re-registration

At the time of re-registration parents will be notified if their child is being invited to return to the school in September or if the child is not being invited back. If the Re-Registration Fee is not paid by the due date as outlined by the school, we cannot guarantee a seat for your child for the upcoming school year.

School Calendar

A yearly calendar is distributed at the beginning of the school year. Please refer to the School Monthly Calendar/Newsletter for any revisions to the Yearly School Calendar.

School Publications

All student or parental publications are subject to review and approved by the school administration prior to publication. The principal must have on file all current log-in information for any digital publication, email or social media accounts that represent or use the school name. Parents, volunteers and external consultants must submit any and all postings for approval in advance. Maintaining a positive public image for the school is the responsibility of the principal and Superintendent's staff.

School's Right to Amend

The school reserves the right to amend this handbook without prior notice. Notice of amendments will be sent as necessary.

Security

To assure the security of the building and the safety of each child, the school strongly enforces its policy of requiring all visitors, even parents, to report to the office.

To avoid interruption of the learning process, no one may enter a classroom without permission of the principal.

The school has a crisis management manual and each classroom has a school emergencies resource flipbook.

Sex Offender Policy

This notice is to remind you of the importance of taking steps to keep your child safe when he or she is involved in outdoor activities, including traveling to and from school. The following are some safety tips that we hope you will share with your children:

- students should never go home with strangers
- students should never talk to strangers
- students should never take things from strangers
- if students are approached by strangers and are still near the school, they should be encouraged to return to the school and immediately inform a staff member
- young students should be escorted to and from school
- older children should be encouraged to walk/travel to school in groups whenever possible

The teachers at our school will also remind students of the importance of not responding to strangers and actions each child should take if approached by a stranger, including reporting it to responsible adults.

In addition, over the course of the school year, we may receive from the local police departments notification under the New York State Sex Offender Registration Act that a registered sex offender has moved into the region where our school is located. Copies of all the notifications we receive will be kept accessible to parents in the principal's office. You can also find information about registered sex offenders on the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services website, located at <http://www.criminaljustice.state.ny.us> -- or by calling 1-800-262-3257.

Finally, if our school is notified during the school year that a registered sex offender has moved within the vicinity of our school, further notice will be sent to you.

These procedures are part of our continuing effort to provide a safe environment for all children in this school.

Smoking

New York State Law prohibits smoking in a school building and on school property. Smoking is prohibited at all times in the school building, on its parking lot and playing fields. This prohibition applies to faculty, staff, parents, and all visitors to the school. Smoking on the sidewalk in front of the school building is not allowed. **This policy includes cigarettes, cigars, pipe or any other matter or substance containing tobacco, as well as the use of electronic cigarettes (e cigarettes), personal vaporizers, vape pens, e-cigars, e-hookah, vaping devices, mod systems, pod systems or any similar system**

Special Learning Needs

Students with learning differences are children of God and members of the Church. The school makes every effort to meet individual student needs by providing accommodations. Sometimes, however, a student may have needs that do not permit him or her to benefit fully from the program. In those cases, your child's teacher and/or principal may schedule a meeting with you to discuss having an evaluation of your child's learning needs. Such evaluations can be done through the local public school district, i.e., Committees on Special Education (CSE's), or privately.

Once the results of the evaluation are available, parents/guardians are obligated to share educational/psychological testing results and any resulting plan with the school. The parent/guardian must make an appointment to meet with the principal to discuss the results of the evaluation and the recommendations, and provide a copy of the Individualized Education Services Plan (IESP).

If a student transfers in from a public school with an Individualized Education Plan (IEP), the parent/guardian must go back to the Committee on Special Education (CSE) to get an IESP.

When a student qualifies for a 504 Plan, the principal will meet with the parent/guardian to review and discuss the 504 Plan, and will then notify the parent of any reasonable accommodations/modifications that can or cannot be made at the school. If reasonable accommodations can be made, a Student Assistance Plan (SAP) will be written and a copy of the plan will be placed in the student's confidential file. The accommodation/modifications will be reviewed yearly. If the school cannot make reasonable accommodations, the school reserves the right to negate enrollment of the student.

Summer School

Since most summer schools offer reading, mathematics, and language arts, a student who has failed in one or more of these subjects in three marking periods of the report card will be required to take a remedial course during the summer. Summer school also may be recommended due to poor performance on standardized tests or in the classroom.

In May, a list of available summer schools in the Archdiocese will be available upon request. Whenever the administration becomes aware of quality programs suited to the specific needs of a child, the principal or the assistant principal will notify the parent directly.

The summer school report card must be submitted to the office before September 1st. Failure to attend summer school will result in retention. It is the parent's responsibility to provide documentation that summer school has been successfully completed. In cases in which tutoring is allowed for the remediation, it must be undertaken by a qualified teacher.

Telecommunications Policy

Social Media Guidelines

The principal of the school is responsible for maintaining all administrative logins for all social media outlets, blogs or any school-branded media outlets in existence now or in the future that contain the school name. Principals must be mindful that their school's social media may be linked to the Superintendent of Schools Office and the Archdiocese of New York media accounts.

All domain names and access must be owned, secured and maintained by the school principal. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES are these administrative logins, permissions or oversight to be delegated to any parent, volunteer or external vendor separate and exclusive from the principal.

In addition to the login and administrative rights to the school website and all current or future social media outlets (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.) the principal is also responsible for reviewing and approving the content on such sites.

All social media content must follow the Standards of Behavior for student internet use and must reflect the standards and mission of the school.

Uniform Code

Your school uniform is a symbol of unity within the school community. It minimizes distractions in the learning process. It is important that you take pride in your appearance by wearing your complete uniform always remembering that by wearing it inside and outside the classroom and the school you are representing the school. Your behavior should be a credit to both yourself and the school community.

All new students are required to purchase the new uniform. This will be the new uniform and is being phased in over the next year. Any family in need of a new uniform due to growth or wear will need to purchase the new uniform. Each student must have one complete, formal uniform for special events.

Uniform Company

School uniforms are purchased from LU-DEL's Uniform Shop located on 364 South Broadway, Yonkers. The telephone number is 914-969-2664.

School Winter Uniform (November 1st through April 30th)

Boys - Grades K-8

- Tan Khaki trousers of uniform design
- Black belt
- White, long or short sleeve oxford/dress shirts and school tie
- Maroon pullover V-neck sweater or vest with school logo
- White or black socks and black-tie shoes (non-scuff black)

Girls - Grades K-4

- Tan Khaki Skort with
- White long or short sleeve blouse with Peter Pan collar
- Maroon uniform cardigan sweater with school logo
- Maroon knee socks or tights
- Black tie or buckle shoes (non-scuff black)

Girls - Grades 5-8

- Tan Khaki Skort(winter and summer)
- White long or short sleeve button down blouse
- Maroon uniform pullover V-neck sweater with school logo
- Maroon knee socks or tights
- Black oxford shoes (non-scuff black)
- Shoes must be plain black, leather, flat and fully enclosed.
- No stripes, designer insignia, names or numbers of any kind

School Summer Uniform (May 1st through October 31st)

Boys - Grades K-8

- Tan Khaki trousers with belt
- Maroon St. Margaret's Knit shirt
- White Socks and Black-tie shoes

Girls - Grades K-8

- Tan Khaki Skort
- Maroon Knit shirt
- Maroon Knee Socks
- Black oxford shoes (non-scuff black)
- Shoes must be plain black, leather, flat and fully enclosed.
- No stripes, designer insignia, names or numbers of any kind

Gym Uniform

All students in Grades K through Grade 8 wear a school gym uniform on their designated gym days. For grades K-4 the gym uniform consists of a maroon t- shirt with the “school logo” on it and gray gym shorts. For grades 5-8 the gym uniform consists of a gray t- shirt with the “school logo” on it and maroon gym shorts. During colder weather and in the winter months the students must wear the printed maroon sweat suit. Appropriate sneakers and white socks are to be worn on gym days.

Personal Appearance

A good personal hygiene routine should be followed daily: ears, neck and fingernails should be given special attention. When appropriate, children should be instructed in the use of deodorant. Uniforms should be neat and clean. Parents will be notified if a child comes to school consistently in an unkempt manner. If no improvement is noticed within a reasonable amount of time, an appointment with the parents will be made by school officials.

Hair should be clean and well groomed. The boys' hair should be above the collar and off the face/ears. Hairstyles that create a distraction to learning are not permitted. Hairstyles should be conservative and out of the eyes. Hair should be a natural color. Earrings may be worn in the lobe only. No other piercings are allowed.

It is understood that all students are expected to dress in a neat, clean, modest and safe manner at all times. The length of the girl's skirts/dresses must always be modest (no more than two inches above the knee). Shirts and blouses are to be tucked into pants and skirts at all times, so that the waistband and belt is visible. Make-up, false nails and fingernail polish are not permitted. Girls who have pierced ears may wear only one pair of post earrings (no hoops or dangling earrings since these can be a safety hazard). Boys are not permitted to wear earrings.

Special Dress Days

On occasion the Principal will allow a "Special Dress Day" for purposes of school spirit, an incentive or fundraising. On "Special Dress Days" or "Dress Down Days" students may wear clothing other than the prescribed uniform. On these days, students have the option to dress casually, including wearing jeans and T-shirts. Please adhere to the following dress code rules:

- On Liturgy and Prayer Services days, all students MUST be in the school uniform.
- T-shirts are permitted; however, no offensive or suggestive material on any piece of clothing is allowed.
- No sleeveless tops or shirts, low necklines, spaghetti straps, shoulder-baring, midriff-baring or revealing tops or open back shirts may be worn.
- Modest and appropriate is the goal (no see-through material, no midriff or underwear showing). No low necklines or tight-fitting tops, pants, shorts, etc.
- Tennis shoes and athletic shoes are permitted; however, Crocs, flip-flops, mules, open back shoes, high-heeled shoes and sandals are not allowed due to safety concerns.
- No cut-offs, frays or clothing with holes/slits above fingertip length. sagging or bagging
- Hats and sunglasses may not be worn inside the building.

Use of School Grounds

No one is permitted to use School/Parish grounds for any reason with written permission first from the Pastor and then, from the Principal.

Students must not arrive at the school prior to nor are they permitted to stay beyond the posted and published times.

Withdrawals and Transfers

A transfer request must be obtained from the school secretary. All books must be returned. All bills must be paid before records are transferred to another school.

When a student transfers from one school to another, or enters high school, the new school may request a copy of the permanent record and health card from the former school.

Schools may disclose a student's cumulative record (i.e. permanent record, attendance record, test results) to another school with legitimate educational interest if a written request is made and when a custodial parent/guardian has given written permission for the release of the child's records.

Parent/guardian signature is required for release of a student's confidential file (i.e. special education records, psychological reports, disciplinary records, anecdotal information, or reports by the school counselor).

At the discretion of the principal, each school has the right not to certify the student's graduation or provide transcripts of the student's academic record to third parties such as other schools, colleges, or employers, or to issue a diploma to the student, if there has been a breach of a material condition of the educational contract (i.e., failure to meet financial obligations, infractions against the school's code of conduct, etc.).

The school reserves the right to request the parent to withdraw his/her child from the school due to serious disciplinary issues.

Summary Statement

Once students have met the necessary admission requirements and have been accepted in the school, the school warmly welcomes these students for the coming school year and will strive to provide them with a solid Catholic spiritual and academic education in a supportive learning environment. Students and parents must always be mindful that attendance at the school is by invitation. It is not a “right” because this is a private school. Admission to and continued enrollment in this school include responsibilities regarding conduct, both inside and outside the classroom and school, and students are expected to conduct themselves in such a manner as to be a credit both to themselves and to their school.

In order to protect its standards of scholarship, discipline and character, the school reserves the right, and students and parents or guardians concede to the school the right to require the withdrawal of any student at any time, for any reason deemed sufficient in the sole discretion of the school and its administrators. By the student’s attendance at the school, a student and his or her parents or guardians acknowledge the important obligations and restrictions contained in this handbook and agree to be bound by the terms of this handbook.

Students attending the school relinquish certain rights they might otherwise be entitled to if they were attending a public school. For example, a student’s freedom of speech is limited in many important respects here at our school. Speech, either written or oral, contrary to the Roman Catholic faith, the teachings of the Church or the directives of the local Bishop or Ordinary is prohibited, as is any other speech which is contrary or disruptive to the philosophy and purposes of our school. Another important right all students at the school surrender involves searches and seizures. School administrators may search a student’s person and belongings if there is a reasonable belief, in the sole opinion of the school administrator, that contraband, illegal substances or inappropriate objects are being concealed. Any unauthorized items found may be seized. Additionally, student desks and lockers, which are at all times under the joint control of the school and the student to whom the desk or locker has been assigned, may be searched by school administrators at any time, for any reason or for no reason at all. Students should have absolutely no expectation of privacy with regard to any item in their desks or lockers.

Another important right that a student and his or her parents or guardians give up when they decide to have a student attend this school is the right to sue the school, the parish, the Catholic School Region Corporation, or the Archdiocese of New York, and/or any individuals acting on behalf of the school, such as the school administrators, teachers, staff or any of their agents for any matter relating to academic or disciplinary decisions or other matters covered within this handbook. Each student and his or her parents or guardians, by their acceptance of enrollment at the school, agree to and accept the school’s rule and policy that students, parents and guardians may not bring any civil action in any local, state or federal court or in any administrative agency or body to challenge any school decision on academic or disciplinary matters, including any decision relating to the rules, regulations, procedures or programs covered within this handbook. Students and parents or guardians agree that any challenge to any school academic or disciplinary action or relating to the rules, regulations, procedures or programs covered in this handbook may only be challenged or appealed within the hierarchy of the school, subject to the limitations contained in this handbook. This includes any decision relating to a student’s enrollment at the school or termination of that enrollment.

While any student and his or her parents or guardians are of course free to consult with legal counsel regarding any school decision taken with respect to a student, the school emphasizes that students and parents or guardians are not permitted to have legal counsel present during any meetings with school administrators. School administrators are not obligated to meet with legal counsel at any time.

There are several grounds for disciplinary action or expulsion set forth in the “Discipline Codes” section of this handbook. It should be noted, however, that any listing of prohibited conduct is set forth by way of example only and to provide guidance to the student and his or her parents or guardians. It is not meant to be an exhaustive listing of improper conduct or resultant disciplinary action.

Student Name: _____

Grade _____

Student Signature: _____

Date _____

Telecommunications Policy - Student Expectations in Use of the Internet

The use of the internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use or violation of any of the following standards will result in serious consequences and could result in expulsion from the school.

1. Use of the computer at school is limited to school related activities. Internet users are expected to behave responsibly in accessing and viewing information that is pertinent to the mission of the school.
2. Vandalism and other infractions of school policy while using the internet will result in immediate cancellation of privileges along with disciplinary action.
3. After School/Home Access requires students to follow the same student expectations as stated in the "Discipline Code for Student Conduct" and "Harassment Policies" in the student handbook.
4. Students must abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette both inside and outside school.
5. Students are responsible for their explorations on the internet and are subject to the consequences of the school's discipline policy.
6. Students must sign a contract indicating their understanding and acceptance of the school's guidelines (see parent/student handbook).
7. Parents must give their permission for their child to use the internet for educational purposes as an individual by signing the Contract Form once conditions are clearly understood. Parents also have the option of denying permission for their child to use the internet independently at school

Standards of Behavior

- Be courteous and respectful in your messages to others.
- Use appropriate language. Do not use vulgar, harassing, obscene, threatening, bullying, abusive, or sexually offensive language, or make any statements that are slanderous or disparaging of any students or adults.
- Never visit inappropriate or offensive websites.
- Never download materials from inappropriate or offensive websites.
- Never expose yourself in an inappropriate, vulgar, or sexually offensive manner on any website or via e-mail, either in pictures or videos.
- Illegal activities are strictly forbidden.
- Do not reveal your home address or phone number, or that of other students or staff.
- Note that electronic mail (e-mail) is not guaranteed to be private. People who operate the system do have access to all mail. Messages related to or in support of illegal activities may be reported to the authorities.
- Proofread your message before you send it.
- Never agree to get together with someone you "meet" online.
- Only public domain software ("shareware") can be downloaded.
- Copyright laws must be respected. Do not make unauthorized copies of software and do not give, lend, or sell copies of software to others.
- Do not use the network/internet for illegal activities.
- Software applications and games from home may not be used on school equipment without proof of licensure and prior approval of appropriate school personnel.
- Do not reveal personal passwords, use or try to learn others' passwords. Do not copy, change, read or use another user's files without prior permission from that user. Do not attempt to gain unauthorized access to system programs for computer equipment.
- Do not post personal messages on bulletin boards, list servers or social media platforms. Send personal messages directly to the person to whom you want to write.

- Do not use the network in such a way that you would disrupt the use of the network for other users.
- Do not waste or take supplies such as paper or printer cartridges, that are provided by the school.
- Talk softly and work in ways that will not disturb other users. Keep computer work areas clean and do not eat or drink in the computer lab.
- If students encounter material on a network/bulletin board that is not appropriate (vulgar jokes, statements of belief that some might consider immoral, etc.,) the student is responsible for not pursuing this material and reporting the matter to appropriate school personnel.
- The use of cell phones, camera phones or other digital media is prohibited during the school day. Cell phones, camera phones, or other personal electronic devices will be confiscated if students use them during the school day without permission. In addition, any student who uses a camera, camera phone or other personal electronic devices in school or in the classroom for any reason will be suspended. Further disciplinary measures, including expulsion, will be considered depending on the nature of the camera, camera phone, or personal electronic device use.
- Technology use outside normal academic hours and/or off school grounds (including, but not limited to, cell phones, e-mail, text messages, camera-phones, cameras, iPads, iPhones, etc.,) are subject to the same guidelines as previously cited in the “Discipline Code for Student Conduct,” “Harassment Policies,” and the “Summary Statement.”
- The school reserves the right to seek financial restitution for any damage caused by a student or other user. The system administrators will deem what is inappropriate use, and their decision is final. The administration, faculty, and staff of the school may request the system administrator to deny, revoke, or suspend specific privileges. Violation of the rules and code of ethics described above will be dealt with seriously.
- *Transmission of any material in violation of any U.S. or state regulation is prohibited.* This includes, but is not limited to: copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material, or material protected by trade secret. The use of school computers and networking resources for commercial activities is not permitted. Their use for product advertisement or political lobbying is also prohibited.

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

APPENDIX

St. Margaret of Cortona School

Parent Signature Page – Return Due Date: September 23, 2022

We have received a copy of the school handbook and have read it.

(Parent's signature)

(Parent's signature)

(Grade 2 and above Student's signature)

(Grade 2 and above Student's signature)

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Media Authorization Form

(This form is not required to be returned if it was completed as part of an online application process.)

I hereby consent to the taking of photographs, movies, videos, and images capable of reproduction in any medium of me or my children or children of whom I am the designated guardian

Names of Children, Parent or Guardian

by the Department of Education, Archdiocese of New York and/or the Catholic School Region and their parents, affiliates, trustees, directors, members, officers, employees, volunteers, agents and contractors (the "School").

I hereby grant to School the right to edit, reproduce, use and reuse images for any and all purposes including, but not limited to, advertising, promotion and display, and I hereby consent to the editing, reproduction, use and re-use of said images in any and all media in existence and all media yet in existence including, but not limited to, video, print, television, internet, and podcasts.

I forever grant, assign, and transfer to School any right, title and interest that I and/or my child/children may have in any images, including negatives, taken of me and/or my children by School. I hereby agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless School from any and all claims, demands, actions or causes of actions, loss, liability, damage or cost arising from this authorization.

Print Name

Name(s) of Child/Children [if applicable]

Signature

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

SIGNED Form Due by September 23, 2022

**Technology Use/Telecommunications Policy
Agreement for 2022-23 School Year
for St. Margaret of Cortona School
adapted from NCEA's From the Chalkboard to the Chatroom . . . 1997**

Return by September 23, 2022

User

I understand and agree to abide by the Telecommunications Policy/Student Expectations in the Use of the Internet agreement. I further understand that any violation of these regulations is unethical and may constitute a criminal offense. Should I commit any violation, my access privileges may be revoked, school disciplinary action may be taken, and/or appropriate legal action may be taken.

User's name (please print): _____

User Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian

As the parent of this student, I have read the technology use agreement. I understand that this access is designed for educational purposes. I am aware that it is impossible for the school to restrict access to all controversial materials and I will not hold them responsible for materials acquired in use. Further, I accept full responsibility for supervision if and when my child's use of school's technology resources is not in a school setting. I hereby give permission for my child to use the school's technology resources and certify that I have reviewed this information with my child.

Parent's or guardian's name (please print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

St. Margaret of Cortona School

Absent Note

STUDENT'S NAME _____

STUDENT'S CLASS _____

DATE(S) OF ABSENCE _____

REASON FOR ABSENCE _____

Doctor's note is attached. Yes _____ No _____

Textbook/Software/Hardware Request Form

St. Margaret of Cortona School

452 West 260th Street

Bronx, NY. 10471

NEW YORK STATE TEXTBOOK LAW (NYSTL),

SOFTWARE LAW (NYSSL),

LIBRARY LAW (NYSLIB),

AND COMPUTER HARDWARE (NYS CH)

PARENTAL REQUEST FORM FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2022-23

I hereby authorize the school to obtain state-loaned textbooks, software, library materials, and computer

hardware for my child _____ who is in grade _____ pursuant to the
New

York State Textbook, Software, Library, and Computer Hardware Laws.

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Address

Date

Title I Participation Notice

Dear Parent/Guardian(s):

Your child may be eligible to participate in the New York City Department of Education's Office of Nonpublic Schools Title I Program for the 2022-2023 school year, a federal program that provides supplemental educational services to eligible students at no cost to you, the parent/guardian(s). The Title I program is designed to enable all students to obtain a high quality education. Your child's school is working with a third-party vendor to provide the supplemental educational services.

Your child may be enrolled in one or more of the Title I programs listed below

- | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. Literacy Instruction Services | 2. Mentoring Services |
| 3. Math Instruction Services | 4. Tutoring Services |
| 5. Distance Learning Services | 6. Academic Counseling Services |

Additional services not listed above as determined in consultation with the Superintendent of Schools Office, Regional Superintendent and Principal.

Title I Literacy Instruction Services: Your child will receive direct instruction aimed at improving literacy skills, including but not limited to, comprehension, fluency, and writing across content areas. This service is provided in a separate location from their regularly scheduled class, other than English Language Arts, during the school day.

Title I Math Instruction Services: Your child will receive direct instruction aimed at improving math concepts and skills. This service is provided in a separate location from their regularly scheduled class, other than Math, during the school day.

Title I Mentoring Services: Your child will receive support aimed at improving academic skills, including but not limited to, communication and organizational skills. This service is provided before and after school or during non-core instructional periods.

Title I Tutoring Services: Your child will receive support aimed at improving student learning across a variety of subjects. This service is provided before and after school or during non-core instructional periods.

Title I Distance Learning Services: Your child will receive online and direct instruction aimed at improving math/literacy concepts and skills. This service is provided through a web-based computer platform before school, after school or during non-instructional periods.

Title I Academic Counseling Services: Your child will receive academic counseling supports during the school day to assist with mitigating any barriers to learning. This service is provided in a separate location from their regularly scheduled instructional periods.

Parent/Guardian(s) may be invited to attend a parent orientation meeting to further explain the Title I-funded Program. You may also be invited to attend additional workshops to assist you in supporting your child at home.

Data Privacy Consent Form for St. Margaret of Cortona School

St. Margaret of Cortona puts premium value to the privacy and security of personal data entrusted by its students and parents for legitimate purposes in connection with the Technology Use/Telecommunications Policy and any hardware and software used in connection therewith.

When we speak of “personal data”, the term includes the concepts of personal information, sensitive personal information, and privileged information. The first two are typically used to distinctively identify you.

Processing of Personal Data

A. Collection of Information. We collect your personal data that you provide to us during your application for admission, information we acquire or generate upon enrollment, and during the course of your education with us in order to carry out the purposes associated with our Technology Use/Telecommunications Policy.

1. Information you provide us during your application for admission. Upon application for admission, we collect information about personal circumstances and contact information, including, but not limited to, name, address, email address, telephone number and other contact details, family history, previous schools attended, academic performance, disciplinary record, medical record, etc.
2. Information we acquire or generate upon enrollment and during the course of your education with us. Upon enrollment and during the course of your education with us, we collect information on your academic or curricular undertakings, the classes you enroll in and scholastic performance, attendance record, medical record, etc. We will also collect information for and in relation to co- curricular matters, such as outreach activities, as well as extra-curricular activities, such as membership in student organizations, leadership positions and participation and attendance in seminars, competitions and programs. We will also collect information in connection with any disciplinary incident, including accompanying sanctions that you may be involved in. We will also collect information in connection with your use of hardware and software provided to you during the course of your education with us, including, but not limited to, address, telephone number, email address, other unique identifier, passwords or PINs, and account credentials (e.g., username and password).

B. Access to Information. Your personal information is accessed and used by us. We use and share your information as permitted or required by law to pursue our legitimate interests as an educational institution, including a variety of academic, administrative, historical, and statistical purposes. Some examples of situations when we may use your information to pursue our legitimate interests as an educational institution are as follows:

1. evaluating applications for admission;
2. processing confirmation of incoming students and transfer students in preparation for enrollment;

3. recording, generating and maintaining student records of academic, co-curricular and extra-curricular progress;
4. establishing and maintaining student information systems;
5. maintaining directories and records;
6. compiling and generating reports for statistical and research purposes;
7. providing services such as health, counseling, information technology, library, sports/recreation, transportation, safety and security;
8. managing and controlling access to campus facilities and equipment;
9. communicating official school announcements; sharing marketing and promotional materials regarding school-related functions, events, projects and activities; and
10. soliciting your participation in research and non-commercial surveys.

C. Sharing of Information. Some examples of when we may share or disclose your personal information to others include:

1. sharing of information to persons, including parents, guardians or next of kin, as required by law or on a need-to-know basis as determined by the school to promote your best interests, or protect your health, safety and security, or that of others;
2. providing academic institutions, companies, government agencies, private or public corporations, or the like, upon their request, with scholastic ranking information or certification of good moral character for purposes of admission;
3. reporting and/or disclosing information to government bodies or agencies (e.g., Commission on Higher Education, Department of Education); and
4. conducting research or surveys for purposes of institutional development; and
5. sharing of information to various third party vendors who provide services associated with our Technology Use/Telecommunications Policy and any hardware and software used in connection therewith.

Data Protection

We shall implement reasonable and appropriate organizational, physical, and technical security measures for the protection of personal data which we collected. The security measures shall aim to maintain the availability, integrity, and confidentiality of personal data and are intended for the protection of personal data against any accidental or unlawful destruction, alteration, and disclosure, as well as against any other unlawful processing. We only permit your data to be accessed or processed by authorized personnel who hold such information under strict confidentiality, including all third-party vendors.

Any data security incident or breach that comes to the knowledge of us will be recorded and reported as required by law. We will take all necessary and reasonable steps to address such incident or breach and mitigate any negative effect of such incident or breach. If there is strong suspicion that an incident affects your personal information, we will notify you of such incident in an appropriate manner.

Consent

I have read this form, understood its contents and consent to (a) the collection, use, processing and transfer by St. Margaret of Cortona School of certain personal information about you (the “Data”); (b) any transfer of Data by any such authorized person for the purposes of implementing, administering and managing the purposes outlined above; (c) the use of such Data by any such authorized person for such purposes; and (d) the transfer to and retention of such Data by third parties in connection with such purposes. I further agree and acknowledge that while St. Margaret of Cortona School has taken all necessary and reasonable steps to ensure that all third parties protect such Data, St. Margaret of Cortona School has no control over how the third party will use or disseminate my information. I agree to release and hold harmless St. Margaret of Cortona School, its representatives, officers, employees, contractors, agents, and assignees, from any and all claims of action or damages of any kind arising from, or in any way connected to, the release or use of any information or records by any third party pursuant to this form and as allowed by all applicable laws.

Complete Name of Student/Child/Ward: _____

Signature of Student: _____

Date: _____

If below 18 years old,

As the parent of this student, I have read the data privacy consent form, understood its contents and provide consent to use the personal information collected as outlined and in accordance with this form. I hereby give permission to use the personal information collected as outlined and in accordance with this form and certify that I have reviewed this information with my child.

Parent’s or guardian’s name (please print): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____



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NYS and NYC Screening & Health Exam Requirements														
	New Entrant	Pre K or K*	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
HEARING SCREENING:														
Pure Tone	X	X	X		X		X		X				X	
SCOLIOSIS SCREENING														
Boys											X			
Girls							X		X					
VISION SCREENING														
Color Perception	X													
	X													
Fusion		X	X											
Near Vision	X	X	X		X		X		X				X	
	X	X	X		X		X							
Distance Acuity	X	X	X		X		X		X				X	
	X	X	X		X		X							
Hyperopia	X													

*Determine if your Kindergarten or Pre K students are your district's new entrants.

Health Examination Overview														
	New Entrant	Pre K or K	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Health Examination**	X	X	X		X		X		X		X		X	
	X													
Dental Certificate	X	X	X		X		X		X		X		X	

**Health Examinations may be either a Health Appraisal (health exam performed by the School Medical Director) or Health Certificate (health exam performed by the student's primary medical provider). They must be dated no more than 12 months prior to the start of the school year in which they are required, or the date of entrance to the school for new entrants.

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in the Laws | Guidelines | Memos - Effective July 2018

2022-23 School Year

New York State Immunization Requirements for School Entrance/Attendance¹

NOTES:

Children in a prekindergarten setting should be age-appropriately immunized. The number of doses depends on the schedule recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). Intervals between doses of vaccine should be in accordance with the ACIP-recommended immunization schedule for persons 0 through 18 years of age. Doses received before the minimum age or intervals are not valid and do not count toward the number of doses listed below. See footnotes for specific information for **each** vaccine. Children who are enrolling in grade-less classes should meet the immunization requirements of the grades for which they are age equivalent.

Dose requirements MUST be read with the footnotes of this schedule

Vaccines	Prekindergarten (Day Care, Head Start, Nursery or Pre-k)	Kindergarten and Grades 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5	Grades 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11	Grade 12
Diphtheria and Tetanus toxoid-containing vaccine and Pertussis vaccine (DTaP/DTP/Tdap/Td) ²	4 doses	5 doses or 4 doses if the 4th dose was received at 4 years or older or 3 doses if 7 years or older and the series was started at 1 year or older	3 doses	
Tetanus and Diphtheria toxoid-containing vaccine and Pertussis vaccine adolescent booster (Tdap) ³		Not applicable	1 dose	
Polio vaccine (IPV/OPV) ⁴	3 doses	4 doses or 3 doses if the 3rd dose was received at 4 years or older		
Measles, Mumps and Rubella vaccine (MMR) ⁵	1 dose	2 doses		
Hepatitis B vaccine ⁶	3 doses	3 doses or 2 doses of adult hepatitis B vaccine (Recombivax) for children who received the doses at least 4 months apart between the ages of 11 through 15 years		
Varicella (Chickenpox) vaccine ⁷	1 dose	2 doses		
Meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MenACWY) ⁸		Not applicable	Grades 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11: 1 dose	2 doses or 1 dose if the dose was received at 16 years or older
Haemophilus Influenzae type b conjugate vaccine (Hib) ⁹	1 to 4 doses	Not applicable		
Pneumococcal Conjugate vaccine (PCV) ¹⁰	1 to 4 doses	Not applicable		

1. Demonstrated serologic evidence of measles, mumps or rubella antibodies or laboratory confirmation of these diseases is acceptable proof of immunity to these diseases. Serologic tests for polio are acceptable proof of immunity only if the test was performed before September 1, 2019 and all three serotypes were positive. A positive blood test for hepatitis B surface antibody is acceptable proof of immunity to hepatitis B. Demonstrated serologic evidence of varicella antibodies, laboratory confirmation of varicella disease or diagnosis by a physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner that a child has had varicella disease is acceptable proof of immunity to varicella.
2. Diphtheria and tetanus toxoids and acellular pertussis (DTaP) vaccine. (Minimum age: 6 weeks)
 - a. Children starting the series on time should receive a 5-dose series of DTaP vaccine at 2 months, 4 months, 6 months and at 15 through 18 months and at 4 years or older. The fourth dose may be received as early as age 12 months, provided at least 6 months have elapsed since the third dose. However, the fourth dose of DTaP need not be repeated if it was administered at least 4 months after the third dose of DTaP. The final dose in the series must be received on or after the fourth birthday and at least 6 months after the previous dose.
 - b. If the fourth dose of DTaP was administered at 4 years or older, and at least 6 months after dose 3, the fifth (booster) dose of DTaP vaccine is not required.
 - c. For children born before 1/1/2005, only immunity to diphtheria is required and doses of DT and Td can meet this requirement.
 - d. Children 7 years and older who are not fully immunized with the childhood DTaP vaccine series should receive Tdap vaccine as the first dose in the catch-up series; if additional doses are needed, use Td or Tdap vaccine. If the first dose was received before their first birthday, then 4 doses are required, as long as the final dose was received at 4 years or older. If the first dose was received on or after the first birthday, then 3 doses are required, as long as the final dose was received at 4 years or older.
3. Tetanus and diphtheria toxoids and acellular pertussis (Tdap) adolescent booster vaccine. (Minimum age for grades 6, 7 and 8: 10 years; minimum age for grades 9 through 12: 7 years)
 - a. Students 11 years or older entering grades 6 through 12 are required to have one dose of Tdap.
 - b. In addition to the grade 6 through 12 requirement, Tdap may also be given as part of the catch-up series for students 7 years of age and older who are not fully immunized with the childhood DTaP series, as described above. In school year 2022-2023, only doses of Tdap given at age 10 years or older will satisfy the Tdap requirement for students in grades 6, 7 and 8; however, doses of Tdap given at age 7 years or older will satisfy the requirement for students in grades 9 through 12.
 - c. Students who are 10 years old in grade 6 and who have not yet received a Tdap vaccine are in compliance until they turn 11 years old.
4. Inactivated polio vaccine (IPV) or oral polio vaccine (OPV). (Minimum age: 6 weeks)
 - a. Children starting the series on time should receive a series of IPV at 2 months, 4 months and at 6 through 18 months, and at 4 years or older. The final dose in the series must be received on or after the fourth birthday and at least 6 months after the previous dose.
 - b. For students who received their fourth dose before age 4 and prior to August 7, 2010, 4 doses separated by at least 4 weeks is sufficient.
 - c. If the third dose of polio vaccine was received at 4 years or older and at least 6 months after the previous dose, the fourth dose of polio vaccine is not required.
 - d. For children with a record of OPV, only trivalent OPV (TOPV) counts toward NYS school polio vaccine requirements. Doses of OPV given before April 1, 2016 should be counted unless specifically noted as monovalent, bivalent or as given during a poliovirus immunization campaign. Doses of OPV given on or after April 1, 2016 should not be counted.
5. Measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine. (Minimum age: 12 months)
 - a. The first dose of MMR vaccine must have been received on or after the first birthday. The second dose must have been received at least 28 days (4 weeks) after the first dose to be considered valid.
 - b. Measles: One dose is required for prekindergarten. Two doses are required for grades kindergarten through 12.
 - c. Mumps: One dose is required for prekindergarten. Two doses are required for grades kindergarten through 12.
 - d. Rubella: At least one dose is required for all grades (prekindergarten through 12).
6. Hepatitis B vaccine
 - a. Dose 1 may be given at birth or anytime thereafter. Dose 2 must be given at least 4 weeks (28 days) after dose 1. Dose 3 must be at least 8 weeks after dose 2 AND at least 16 weeks after dose 1 AND no earlier than age 24 weeks (when 4 doses are given, substitute "dose 4" for "dose 3" in these calculations).
 - b. Two doses of adult hepatitis B vaccine (Recombivax) received at least 4 months apart at age 11 through 15 years will meet the requirement.
7. Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine. (Minimum age: 12 months)
 - a. The first dose of varicella vaccine must have been received on or after the first birthday. The second dose must have been received at least 28 days (4 weeks) after the first dose to be considered valid.
 - b. For children younger than 13 years, the recommended minimum interval between doses is 3 months (if the second dose was administered at least 4 weeks after the first dose, it can be accepted as valid); for persons 13 years and older, the minimum interval between doses is 4 weeks.
8. Meningococcal conjugate ACWY vaccine (MenACWY). (Minimum age for grades 7, 8 and 9: 10 years; minimum age for grades 10 through 12: 6 weeks)
 - a. One dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (Menactra, Menveo or MenQuadfi) is required for students entering grades 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11.
 - b. For students in grade 12, if the first dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine was received at 16 years or older, the second (booster) dose is not required.
 - c. The second dose must have been received at 16 years or older. The minimum interval between doses is 8 weeks.
9. Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib) conjugate vaccine. (Minimum age: 6 weeks)
 - a. Children starting the series on time should receive Hib vaccine at 2 months, 4 months, 6 months and at 12 through 15 months. Children older than 15 months must get caught up according to the ACIP catch-up schedule. The final dose must be received on or after 12 months.
 - b. If 2 doses of vaccine were received before age 12 months, only 3 doses are required with dose 3 at 12 through 15 months and at least 8 weeks after dose 2.
 - c. If dose 1 was received at age 12 through 14 months, only 2 doses are required with dose 2 at least 8 weeks after dose 1.
 - d. If dose 1 was received at 15 months or older, only 1 dose is required.
 - e. Hib vaccine is not required for children 5 years or older.
10. Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV). (Minimum age: 6 weeks)
 - a. Children starting the series on time should receive PCV vaccine at 2 months, 4 months, 6 months and at 12 through 15 months. Children older than 15 months must get caught up according to the ACIP catch-up schedule. The final dose must be received on or after 12 months.
 - b. Unvaccinated children ages 7 through 11 months are required to receive 2 doses, at least 4 weeks apart, followed by a third dose at 12 through 15 months.
 - c. Unvaccinated children ages 12 through 23 months are required to receive 2 doses of vaccine at least 8 weeks apart.
 - d. If one dose of vaccine was received at 24 months or older, no further doses are required.
 - e. PCV is not required for children 5 years or older.
 - f. For further information, refer to the PCV chart available in the School Survey Instruction Booklet at: www.health.ny.gov/prevention/immunization/schools

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Año escolar 2022-2023

Requisitos de vacunación del estado de Nueva York para inscribirse/asistir a la escuela¹

NOTAS:

Los niños que están en prekindergarten deben tener las vacunas correspondientes a su edad. La cantidad de dosis depende del programa recomendado por el Comité Asesor sobre Prácticas de Vacunación (Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, ACIP). Los intervalos entre las dosis de vacunas deben corresponder al programa de vacunación recomendado por el ACIP para personas de 0 a 18 años. Las dosis aplicadas antes de la edad mínima o de los intervalos mínimos no son válidas y no se tienen en cuenta al calcular la cantidad de dosis que se mencionan abajo. Consulte las notas al pie de página para obtener información específica sobre cada vacuna. Los niños que se inscriben en clases sin grado deben cumplir los requisitos de vacunación de los grados para los que son equivalentes en edad.

Se DEBEN leer los requisitos de dosis con las notas al pie de página de este programa

Vacunas	Prekindergarten (guardería infantil, programa Head Start, guardería o pre-K)	Kindergarten y 1.º, 2.º, 3.º, 4.º y 5.º grado	6.º, 7.º, 8.º, 9.º, 10.º y 11.º grado	12.º grado
Vacuna con toxoide diftérico y tetánico y vacuna contra la tos ferina (DTaP/DTP/Tdap/Td) ²	4 dosis	5 dosis o 4 dosis si la cuarta dosis se aplicó a los 4 años de edad o más, o 3 dosis si tiene 7 años o más y la serie se inició a partir del año	3 dosis	
Refuerzo de la vacuna con toxoide diftérico y tetánico y la vacuna contra la tos ferina (Tdap) para adolescentes ³		No corresponde	1 dosis	
Vacuna antipoliomielítica (IPV/OPV) ⁴	3 dosis	4 dosis o 3 dosis si la tercera dosis se aplicó a los 4 años de edad o más		
Vacuna contra sarampión, paperas y rubéola (MMR) ⁵	1 dosis	2 dosis		
Vacuna contra la hepatitis B ⁶	3 dosis	3 dosis o 2 dosis de la vacuna contra la hepatitis B para adultos (Recombivax) para niños que recibieron las dosis en intervalos de al menos 4 meses entre los 11 y los 15 años de edad		
Vacuna contra la varicela ⁷	1 dosis	2 dosis		
Vacuna antimeningocócica conjugada (MenACWY) ⁸		No corresponde	7.º, 8.º, 9.º, 10.º y 11.º grado: 1 dosis	2 dosis o 1 dosis si la dosis se aplicó a los 16 años de edad o más
Vacuna conjugada contra Haemophilus influenzae tipo B (Hib) ⁹	1 a 4 dosis	No corresponde		
Vacuna neumocócica conjugada (PCV) ¹⁰	1 a 4 dosis	No corresponde		

1. Una constancia serológica demostrada de anticuerpos contra el sarampión, las paperas o la rubéola o una confirmación de laboratorio de dichas enfermedades son pruebas aceptables de la inmunidad ante estas. Las pruebas serológicas para la poliomielitis son una prueba aceptable de la inmunidad solo si la prueba se hizo antes del 1 de septiembre de 2015 y los tres serotipos dieron positivo. Un análisis de sangre con resultado positivo para el anticuerpo de superficie contra la hepatitis B es una prueba aceptable de la inmunidad ante la hepatitis B. Una constancia serológica demostrada de anticuerpos contra la varicela, una confirmación de laboratorio de varicela o el diagnóstico de un médico, un asistente médico o un enfermero de práctica avanzada de que un niño tuvo varicela son pruebas aceptables de la inmunidad ante la varicela.
2. Vacuna con toxoide diftérico y tetánico y tos ferina acelular (DTaP). (Edad mínima: 6 semanas)
 - a. Los niños que comienzan la serie a tiempo deben recibir una serie de 5 dosis de la vacuna DTaP a los 2 meses, 4 meses, 6 meses y entre los 15 y 18 meses de edad y a los 4 años de edad o más. La cuarta dosis puede aplicarse a partir de los 12 meses de edad, siempre que hayan transcurrido por lo menos 6 meses desde la tercera dosis. Sin embargo, no es necesario que se repita la cuarta dosis de DTaP si se aplicó al menos 4 meses después de la tercera dosis de DTaP. La última dosis de la serie debe aplicarse a partir del cuarto año de edad y al menos 6 meses después de la dosis anterior.
 - b. Si la cuarta dosis de DTaP se aplicó a los 4 años de edad o más, y al menos 6 meses después de la tercera dosis, no se requiere la quinta dosis (de refuerzo) de la vacuna DTaP.
 - c. Para los niños nacidos antes del 1/1/2005, solo se requiere inmunidad a la difteria y los dosis de DT y Td pueden cumplir este requisito.
 - d. Los niños mayores de 7 años que no estén completamente vacunados con la serie de vacunas DTaP para niños deben recibir la vacuna Tdap como primera dosis de la serie de actualización; si se necesitan dosis adicionales, use la vacuna Td o Tdap. Si les aplicaron la primera dosis antes de su primer año de edad, deben aplicarse 4 dosis, siempre que la dosis final se aplique a los 4 años de edad o más. Si les aplicaron la primera dosis a partir de su primer año de edad, deben aplicarse 3 dosis, siempre que la dosis final se aplique a los 4 años o más.
3. Refuerzo de la vacuna con toxoides tetánico y diftérico y de la vacuna contra la tos ferina acelular (Tdap) para adolescentes. (Edad mínima para 6.^o, 7.^o y 8.^o grado: 10 años; edad mínima para 9.^o a 12.^o grado: 7 años)
 - a. Los estudiantes mayores de 11 años que ingresan a los grados de 6.^o a 12.^o deben recibir una dosis de Tdap.
 - b. Además del requisito para 6.^o a 12.^o grado, la vacuna Tdap también se puede aplicar como parte de la serie de vacunas de actualización para estudiantes mayores de 7 años que no estén totalmente vacunados con la serie de vacunas DTaP para niños, como se describió arriba. En el año escolar 2022-2023, solo las dosis de Tdap aplicadas a los 10 años o más cumplirán el requisito de Tdap para los estudiantes en los grados 6.^o, 7.^o y 8.^o; sin embargo, las dosis de Tdap aplicadas a los 7 años o más cumplirán el requisito para los estudiantes en los grados 9.^o a 12.^o.
 - c. Los estudiantes que tienen 10 años de edad en 6.^o grado y que aún no recibieron la vacuna Tdap cumplen los requisitos hasta que tengan 11 años.
4. Vacuna antipoliomielítica inactivada (IPV) o vacuna antipoliomielítica oral (OPV). (Edad mínima: 6 semanas)
 - a. Los niños que comienzan la serie a tiempo deben recibir una serie de IPV a los 2 meses, 4 meses y entre los 6 y 18 meses de edad, y a los 4 años de edad o más. La última dosis de la serie debe aplicarse a partir del cuarto año de edad y al menos 6 meses después de la dosis anterior.
 - b. Para los estudiantes que recibieron la cuarta dosis antes de su cuarto año de edad y antes del 7 de agosto de 2010, es suficiente aplicar 4 dosis con al menos 4 semanas de diferencia.
 - c. Si la tercera dosis de la vacuna antipoliomielítica se aplicó a los 4 años de edad o más y por lo menos 6 meses después de la dosis anterior, no se requerirá la cuarta dosis.
 - d. Para los niños con antecedentes de OPV, solo la OPV trivalente (TOPV) se tiene en cuenta para los requisitos de la vacuna antipoliomielítica en las escuelas del Estado de Nueva York. Las dosis de OPV aplicadas antes del 1 de abril de 2016 deben incluirse a menos que se indiquen específicamente como monovalentes, bivalentes o como aplicadas durante una campaña de vacunación contra el virus de la poliomielitis. Las dosis de OPV aplicadas a partir del 1 de abril de 2016 no deben incluirse.
5. Vacuna contra sarampión, paperas y rubéola (MMR). (Edad mínima: 12 meses)
 - a. La primera dosis de la vacuna MMR debe haberse aplicado a partir del primer año de edad. Para considerarse válida, la segunda dosis debe haberse aplicado al menos 28 días (4 semanas) después de la primera dosis.
 - b. Sarampión: Se necesita una dosis para prekindergarten. Se necesitan dos dosis para los grados de kindergarten hasta 12.^o.
 - c. Paperas: Se necesita una dosis para prekindergarten. Se necesitan dos dosis para los grados de kindergarten hasta 12.^o.
 - d. Rubéola: Se necesita por lo menos una dosis para todos los grados (prekindergarten hasta 12.^o grado).
6. Vacuna contra la hepatitis B
 - a. La primera dosis puede aplicarse al nacer o en cualquier momento después. La segunda dosis debe aplicarse al menos 4 semanas (28 días) después de la primera dosis. La tercera dosis debe aplicarse al menos 8 semanas después de la segunda dosis y al menos 16 semanas después de la primera dosis, PERO no antes de las 24 semanas (cuando se apliquen 4 dosis, reemplazar "cuarta dosis" por "tercera dosis" en estos cálculos).
 - b. Dos dosis de la vacuna contra la hepatitis B para adultos (Recombinax) aplicadas con al menos 4 semanas de diferencia entre los 11 y 15 años cumplirán el requisito.
7. Vacuna contra la varicela. (Edad mínima: 12 meses)
 - a. La primera dosis de la vacuna contra la varicela debe haberse aplicado a partir del primer año. Para considerarse válida, la segunda dosis debe haberse aplicado al menos 28 días (4 semanas) después de la primera dosis.
 - b. Para los niños menores de 13 años, el intervalo mínimo recomendado entre dosis es de 3 meses (si la segunda dosis se aplicó por lo menos 4 semanas después de la primera dosis, se puede aceptar como válida); para los mayores de 13 años, el intervalo mínimo es de 4 semanas.
8. Vacuna antimeningocócica conjugada ACWY (MenACWY). (Edad mínima para 7.^o, 8.^o y 9.^o grado: 10 años; edad mínima para 10.^o a 12.^o grado: 6 semanas)
 - a. Se requiere una dosis de la vacuna antimeningocócica conjugada (Menactra, Menveo o MenQuadfi) para los estudiantes que ingresan a los grados 7.^o, 8.^o, 9.^o, 10.^o y 11.^o.
 - b. Para los estudiantes del 12.^o grado, si la primera dosis de la vacuna antimeningocócica conjugada se aplicó a los 16 años o más, no se requieren la segunda dosis (de refuerzo).
 - c. La segunda dosis debe haberse aplicado a los 16 años o más. El intervalo mínimo entre dosis es de 8 semanas.
9. Vacuna conjugada contra *Haemophilus influenzae* tipo b (Hib). (Edad mínima: 6 semanas)
 - a. Los niños que comienzan la serie a tiempo deben recibir la vacuna Hib a los 2 meses, 4 meses, 6 meses y entre los 12 y 15 meses de edad. Los niños mayores de 15 meses deben ponerse al día según el programa de actualización del ACIP. La dosis final debe aplicarse a partir de los 12 meses.
 - b. Si se aplicaron 2 dosis de vacuna antes de los 12 meses de edad, solo se requieren 3 dosis si la tercera dosis se aplica entre los 12 y 15 meses de edad y al menos 8 semanas después de la segunda dosis.
 - c. Si la primera dosis se recibió entre los 12 y 14 meses de edad, solo se requieren 2 dosis si la segunda dosis se aplicó al menos 8 semanas después de la primera dosis.
 - d. Si se aplicó la primera dosis a los 15 meses de edad o más, solo se requiere 1 dosis.
 - e. No se requiere la vacuna Hib para niños mayores de 5 años.
10. Vacuna neumocócica conjugada (PCV). (Edad mínima: 6 semanas)
 - a. Los niños que comienzan la serie a tiempo deben recibir la vacuna PCV a los 2 meses, 4 meses, 6 meses y entre los 12 y 15 meses de edad. Los niños mayores de 15 meses deben ponerse al día según el programa de actualización del ACIP. La dosis final debe aplicarse a partir de los 12 meses.
 - b. Los niños no vacunados de 7 a 11 meses de edad deben recibir 2 dosis, con al menos 4 semanas de diferencia, seguidas de una tercera dosis entre los 12 y 15 meses de edad.
 - c. Los niños no vacunados de 12 a 23 meses de edad deben recibir 2 dosis de la vacuna con al menos 8 semanas de diferencia.
 - d. Si se recibió una dosis de la vacuna a los 24 meses de edad o más, no se requieren dosis adicionales.
 - e. La PCV no es obligatoria para los niños mayores de 5 años.
 - f. Para tener más información, consulte la tabla de PCV que está en el Folleto de instrucciones para encuestas escolares, en: www.health.ny.gov/prevention/immunization/schools

Para obtener más información, comuníquese con:

New York State Department of Health
Bureau of Immunization
Room 649, Corning Tower ESP
Albany, NY 12237
(518) 473-4437

New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
Program Support Unit, Bureau of Immunization,
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New York State Department of Health Bureau of Immunization
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Dear Parent or Guardian,

New York City has updated the school immunization requirements for the 2022-2023 school year. A list of these requirements for 2022-2023 is included with this letter. Before the school year begins, you must submit proof of immunization for your child if they are attending childcare or school.

All students in childcare through grade 12 must meet the requirements for:

- The DTaP (diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis), poliovirus, MMR (measles-mumps-rubella), varicella and hepatitis B vaccines.

Children under age 5 who are enrolled in childcare and pre-kindergarten (pre-K) must also meet the requirements for:

- The Hib (*Haemophilus influenza* type b) and PCV (pneumococcal conjugate) vaccines.
- The influenza (flu) vaccine: children must receive the flu vaccine by December 31, 2022 (preferably, when it becomes available in early fall).

Children in grades 6 through 12 must also meet the requirements for:

- The Tdap (tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis) booster and MenACWY (meningococcal conjugate) vaccines.

Please review your child's immunization history with your child's health care provider. Their provider can tell you whether additional doses of one or more vaccines are required for your child to attend childcare or school this year. **Please note:** If your child received doses of vaccine BEFORE the minimum age (too early), those doses do NOT count toward the number of doses needed.

If you have questions about these 2022-2023 requirements, please contact your childcare center or school's administrative office.

Sincerely,

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Is Your Child Ready for Child Care or School?

2022-2023 School Year

Learn about required vaccinations in New York City.

All students ages 2 months to 18 years in New York City must get the following vaccinations to go to childcare or school. Review your child's vaccine needs based on their grade level this school year. The number of vaccine doses your child needs may vary based on age and previous vaccine doses received. Your child may need additional vaccines or vaccine doses if they have certain health conditions or if previous doses were given too early.

VACCINATIONS	CHILD CARE, HEAD START, NURSERY, 3K OR PRE- KINDERGARTEN	KINDERGARTEN - Grade 5	GRADES 6 -11	GRADE12
Diphtheria , tetanus, and pertussis (DTaP)	4 doses	5 doses or 4 doses ONLY if the fourth dose was received at age 4 years or older or 3 doses ONLY if the child is age 7 years or older and the series was started at age 1 year or older	3 doses	
Tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis booster (Tdap)			1 dose (at or after age 11 years)	
Polio (IPV or OPV)	3 doses	4 doses or 3 doses if the third dose was received at age 4 years or older		
Measles, mumps and rubella (MMR)	1 dose	2 doses		
Hepatitis B	3 doses	3 doses	3 doses or 2 doses of adult hepatitis B vaccine (Recombivax HB [®]) if the doses at least 4 months apart between ages of 11 through 15 years	
Varicella (chickenpox)	1 dose	2 doses		
Meningococcal conjugate (MenACWY)			Grade 6: Not applicable Grades 7-11: 1 dose	Grade 12: 2 doses or 1 dose if the first dose was received at age 16 years or older
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> type b conjugate (Hib)	1 to 4 doses Depends on child's age and doses previously received			
Pneumococcal conjugate (PCV)	1 to 4 doses Depends on child's age and doses previously received			
Influenza	1 dose			

Talk to your health care provider if you have questions.
For more information call 311 or visit nyc.gov/health and search for **student vaccines**.



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June 14, 2019

**Statement on Legislation Removing Non-Medical Exemption
from School Vaccination Requirements**

On June 13, 2019, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo signed legislation removing non-medical exemptions from school vaccination requirements for children. The United States is currently experiencing the worst outbreak of measles in more than 25 years, with outbreaks in pockets of New York primarily driving the crisis. As a result of non-medical vaccination exemptions, many communities across New York have unacceptably low rates of vaccination, and those unvaccinated children can often attend school where they may spread the disease to other unvaccinated students, some of whom cannot receive vaccines due to medical conditions. This new law will help protect the public amid this ongoing outbreak.

What did the new law do?

As of June 13, 2019, there is no longer a religious exemption to the requirement that children be vaccinated against measles and other diseases to attend either:

- public, private or parochial school (for students in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade), or
- child day care settings.

For those children who had a religious exemption to vaccination, what are the deadlines for being vaccinated?

Children who are attending child day care or public, private or parochial school, and who had a religious exemption to required immunizations, must now receive the first age appropriate dose in each immunization series by June 28, 2019 to attend or remain in school or child day care. Also, by July 14, 2019 parents and guardians of such children must show that they have made appointments for all required follow-up doses. The deadlines for follow-up doses depend on the vaccine. The New York State Department of Health follows the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices catch-up immunization schedule and expects children to receive required doses consistent with Table 2 at the following link in order to continue to attend school or child day care: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/downloads/child/0-18yrs-child-combined-schedule.pdf>

What is the deadline for first dose vaccinations if my child is not attending school until September?

Parents and guardians of all children who do not have their required immunizations are encouraged to have them receive the first dose as soon as possible. The deadline for obtaining first dose vaccinations for children attending school in the fall is 14 days from the first day of school. Within 30 days of the first day of school, parents and guardians of such children must show that they have made appointments for all required follow-up doses.

Additional information will be forthcoming.



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Frequently Asked Questions About Legislation Removing Non-Medical Exemptions from School Vaccination Requirements

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- public, private or parochial school (for students in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade),
or
- child day care settings.

2. When did the law become effective?

The law became effective on June 13, 2019.

3. How will schools and child day care settings be notified?

A joint notification by the NYS Department of Health, State Education Department, and Office of Children and Family Services was distributed to schools and child day care settings beginning on June 15, 2019.

4. For those children who had a religious exemption to vaccination, what are the deadlines for being vaccinated?

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immunizations that are required to attend school in New York State, and expects children to receive required doses consistent with Table 2 of ACIP's Recommended Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule for ages 18 years or younger. (Please note that the guidelines contain all ACIP recommended vaccines, including some that are not currently required for schools and child day care programs in New York State.)

5. Where can I find the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) catch-up immunization schedule?

The ACIP catch-up immunization schedule is available at the following link:

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/downloads/child/0-18yrs-child-combined-schedule.pdf>

(Please note that the guidelines contain all ACIP recommended vaccines, including some that are not currently required for schools and child day care programs in NYS.)

6. Are the vaccination requirements, as described in Question 5, required for my child to attend summer schools that are overseen by NYSED and summer child day care programs that are overseen by OCFS?

Yes. This requirement applies to summer school and summer child day care programs.

7. What is the deadline for first dose vaccinations if my child is not attending school until September?

The Department encourages parents and guardians of all children who do not have their required immunizations to receive the first dose in each immunization series as soon as possible. The deadline for obtaining first dose vaccinations in each immunization series for children attending school in the fall is 14 days from the first day of school or enrollment in child day care. Within 30 days of the first day of school, parents and guardians of such children must show that they have scheduled appointments for all required follow-up doses.

8. Does this new legislation apply to my child attending college?

The new legislation did not change the vaccination requirements for college attendance. Students attending college in NYS can still obtain a religious exemption. The Department requires that every student attending college be vaccinated against measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), unless the student has a valid religious or medical exemption.

9. Does this new legislation affect my child's medical exemption?

No. The new legislation does not affect valid medical exemptions.

10. What is a valid medical exemption?

A valid medical exemption must:

1. Be on a sample medical exemption form issued by the Department <https://www.health.ny.gov/forms/doh-5077.pdf> or the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, or on a signed statement that certifies that the immunization may be detrimental to a child's health;
2. Be signed by a physician licensed to practice medicine in New York State;
3. Contain sufficient information to identify the medical contraindication to a specific immunization. The Department recommends that health care practitioners consult the ACIP guidelines for contraindications and precautions to childhood vaccinations, available at: <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/acip-recs/general-recs/contraindications.html>. (Please note that the guidelines contain all ACIP recommended vaccines, including some that are not currently required for schools and child day care programs in New York State); and
4. Be confirmed annually.

11. My child is not being allowed to attend school and/or child day care program based on vaccination status. How do I appeal this decision?

Education Law §310(6-a) allows an appeal to the Commissioner of the State Education Department from persons considering themselves aggrieved by an action taken by "a principal, teacher, owner or other person in charge of any school in denying a child admission to, or continued attendance at, such school for lack of proof of required immunizations in accordance with" Public Health Law §2164. Such appeal may include a request for a "stay" of the school's action while the appeal is pending before the Commissioner. Information regarding the appeal process is available at: <http://www.counsel.nysed.gov/appeals/>.

There is no appeal process for child day care programs. Programs must be in compliance with all applicable laws.

12. What are the penalties for a school and child day care program if it does not comply?

All public, private and parochial schools are required to comply with the law. The Department will determine the cause of a school's violation or noncompliance and, where appropriate, seek civil penalties from noncompliant schools. NYS OCFS regulates child day care programs and may sanction programs that do not comply with the law.

13. How does New York State verify vaccination rates at schools and child day care programs?

The NYSDOH annually conducts surveys of school and child day care immunization coverage and exemption rates. Schools and child day care settings are required to participate in the surveys. Additionally, the NYSDOH audits a sample of schools each year for compliance with PHL Section 2164 and to verify the rates reported in their survey. If any students out of compliance with PHL Section 2164 are discovered during the audit, then the NYSDOH will require the students be excluded from school until they comply with the law. The Department will determine the cause of a school's noncompliance and, where appropriate, seek civil penalties from noncompliant schools. In some counties, the Department has delegated the county health department with authority to assist in conducting audits of schools to verify compliance.

NYS OCFS reviews vaccination records for compliance.

14. Does the new law apply to students who receive special education services?

Yes, the new law applies to students who receive special education services. However, the new legislation does not affect valid medical exemptions, and the United States Department of Education ("USDE") has issued guidance to assist schools in ensuring that students with disabilities under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act ("IDEA") who are medically unable to receive vaccines due to a disability are not discriminated against on the basis of disability. USDE's Office for Civil Rights' *Fact Sheet: Addressing the Risk of Measles in Schools while Protecting the Civil Rights of Students with Disabilities* is available at: <https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/ocr-factsheet-measles-201503.pdf>.

Questions may be directed to the State Education Department's Office of Special Education, Policy Unit, 518-473-2878, SPECED@nysed.gov or to the appropriate Special Education Quality Assurance Regional Office, SEQA@nysed.gov.

15. My child receives educational services from a public, private or parochial school off school grounds. Do they need to be vaccinated?

If a student is enrolled in the school, regardless of where they receive educational services, they will need to comply with the vaccination requirements for schools.

Version: June 18, 2019 – Document will be reissued with additional questions in the future.



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Effective June 13, 2019, Chapter 35 of the Laws of 2019 repealed non-medical exemptions from vaccination for children attending school.

This document is in follow-up to FAQs issued on June 18, 2019.

The 2019-20 School Year New York State Immunization Requirements for School Entrance/Attendance is available online.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) catch-up immunization schedule is available online.

VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO ALL STUDENTS

Public Health Law §2164, as amended by Chapter 35 of the Laws of 2019 applies to students attending all schools as defined in Public Health Law §2164 to include any public, private or parochial child caring center, day nursery, day care agency, nursery school, kindergarten, elementary, intermediate or secondary schools.

Public Health Law §2164, as amended by Chapter 35 of the Laws of 2019 prohibits a school from permitting any child to be admitted to such school, or to attend such school, in excess of 14 days without sufficient evidence that the child has received all age appropriate required vaccinations. The 14 days may be extended where the student is transferring from out of state or from another country and can show a good faith effort to get the necessary evidence or where the parent, guardian or any other person in parental relationship can demonstrate that a child has received the first age-appropriate dose in each immunization series and that they have age appropriate scheduled appointments for follow-up doses to complete the immunization series in accordance with the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices Recommended Immunization Schedules for Persons Aged 0 through 18.

1. Does the new law apply to children's camps issued a permit by the State or local health department?

No. The new legislation applies to schools as defined in Public Health Law §2164 and does not apply to children's camps that are issued a permit by the State or local health department.

2. My child had a religious exemption and attends summer school, or extended school year (ESY) for students with disabilities, which are not children's camps. Does the new law apply to summer school/ESY and if so, what is the

timeline I must follow to get my child vaccinated so my child can continue to attend school?

Yes, the law applies to both summer school and ESY. Proof of immunization must be provided within 14 days after the first day of summer school/ESY. The 14 days may be extended where the student is transferring from out of state or from another country and can show a good faith effort to get the necessary evidence; **or**, where the parent, guardian or any other person in parental relationship can demonstrate that a child has received the first age-appropriate dose in each immunization series within the 14 days and that they have age-appropriate scheduled appointments for follow-up doses to complete the immunization series in accordance with the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices ("ACIP") "Recommended Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedules for ages 18 years or younger."

Thereafter, if such students require additional vaccinations due to entering a new grade level when school starts again in the future, those students must provide evidence of having received any additional age-appropriate required immunizations within 14 days of the first day instruction commences. The 14 days may be extended where the parent, guardian or any other person in parental relationship can demonstrate that a child has received the first age-appropriate dose in each immunization series within the 14 days and that they have age-appropriate scheduled appointments for follow-up doses to complete the immunization series in accordance with the ACIP "Recommended Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedules for ages 18 years or younger."

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/imz/child-adolescent.html>.

3. When do parents need to provide proof of immunization in the fall for students who did not attend summer school or ESY?

Proof of immunization must be provided within 14 days after the first day of instruction in September. The 14 days may be extended where the student is transferring from out of state or from another country and can show a good faith

effort to get the necessary evidence **or** where the parent, guardian or any other person in parental relationship can demonstrate that a child has received the first age-appropriate dose in each immunization series within the 14 days and that they have age appropriate scheduled appointments for follow-up doses to complete the immunization series.

4. Does the new law apply to attendance at activities that are on school property but open to the general public? Examples may include: SAT prep, sporting events, and plays.

No. The new legislation does not apply to attendance at activities on school property that are open to the general public.

5. My child's school operates year-round, excluding ESY and summer school. When did the new law start applying to year-round schools?

The change in the law took effect on June 13, 2019 and allowed 14 days for children to get their first dose of each required vaccine in order to be admitted to or continue attending school. Therefore, children at year-round schools were required to be vaccinated with the first doses by June 28, 2019. These children must be excluded from school immediately if they do not meet this requirement.

6. Does this new law apply to students aged 18 and older?

No. The mandatory vaccination law only applies to a child, which Public Health Law §2164(1)(b) defines as a person between the ages of two months and 18 years. Once a student reaches the age 18, he/she is no longer required to show proof of immunization.

7. My child's school operates a year-round day care center. When did the new law start applying to these year-round day care centers in schools?

The change in the law took effect on June 13, 2019 and allowed 14 days for children to get their first dose of each required vaccine. Therefore, children at year-round day care centers are required to be vaccinated with the first doses by June 28, 2019. These children must be excluded from day care centers in school immediately if they do not meet these requirements.

8. My child had a religious exemption before the new law was enacted. Is my religious exemption still valid?

No. Religious exemptions are no longer valid in New York State.

9. Does the new requirement apply to charter schools?

Yes.

10. Do I need to schedule all of my child's appointments for all required doses, including all follow-up doses, within 30 days of the first day of attendance?

Parents and guardians must demonstrate, within 30 days of the first day of attendance, that their child has age-appropriate appointments scheduled for the next follow-up doses to complete the immunization series in accordance with the ACIP schedule. However, the actual appointments for the follow-up doses may be more than 30 days out, so long as they are in accordance with the ACIP schedule available online at <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/imz/child-adolescent.html>.

11. When are follow-up doses required for children who received their first doses prior to the change in law and are overdue for their next doses?

Such students must still receive their next doses as soon as they are due, in accordance with the ACIP schedule. Children must receive all first doses, or overdue follow-up doses if they already received prior doses in a series, within 14 days of school or child day care attendance, and must provide evidence of age appropriate appointments for the next follow-up doses, in accordance with the ACIP schedule, within 30 days of the first day of attendance. All required vaccine schedules must be completed in accordance with the ACIP schedule. Here is a link for the routine immunization and catch up schedules:

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/imz/child-adolescent.html>

12. Is the rotavirus vaccine required to attend school?

No.

13. My child never received the pneumococcal vaccine or Haemophilus Influenzae type B (Hib) vaccine as a baby. Now my child is entering kindergarten. According to the ACIP schedule, healthy children age 5 and older don't need these vaccines. Does my child still need these vaccines to attend school?

No. Pneumococcal and Haemophilus Influenzae type B (Hib) vaccines are only required for day cares and pre-kindergarten programs. Children in kindergarten through grade 12 do not need to receive a pneumococcal or Hib vaccine.

14. Who may issue a medical exemption?

Pursuant to Section 2164 of the Public Health Law, only physicians licensed to practice medicine in NYS may issue a medical exemption.

15. Is serological evidence of immunity acceptable proof of immunization for school enrollment?

A positive serologic test can be accepted as proof of immunity for school enrollment only for the following diseases: measles, mumps, rubella, varicella (chickenpox), hepatitis B and all three serotypes of poliomyelitis found in the polio vaccines.

16. If I'm a Group Family Child Care Provider, with my own children in my home, in addition to day care children, what are my options regarding my own children who remain in the home during day care hours and are not vaccinated? Can they remain in another part of the house during day care hours?

In home-based child care programs (family day care and group family day care), a provider's own non-school aged children count in the program's capacity and are considered to be enrolled in the program. The provider must comply with Public Health Law and New York State Child Care Regulations regarding immunizations, and must keep documentation of immunizations all enrolled children have received, including the provider's own children.

17. Are "homeoprophylaxis vaccines" acceptable alternatives for required vaccinations?

No. Only licensed vaccines recommended by the ACIP are acceptable.

18. Are out-of-country immunization records acceptable?

Yes, as long as they are official records and can be read and understood by the school or have been reviewed and signed by a physician licensed to practice medicine in NYS.

19. Are children allowed to follow a delayed vaccination schedule for required vaccines?

No. The ACIP schedule must be used. Delayed vaccination schedules are not permitted.

20. What does the June 30, 2020 date mean in the law?

Until June 30, 2020, a child can attend school if they receive the first age-appropriate dose in each immunization series within 14 days from the first day of school attendance and can show within 30 days that they have scheduled age-appropriate appointments for required follow-up doses. This allows students who were not fully up-to-date on their vaccinations on June 13, 2019, when the law was enacted, to continue to attend school, as long as they receive the first age-appropriate dose in each immunization series within 14 days from the first day of school attendance and can show within 30 days that they have scheduled age-appropriate appointments for required follow-up doses. By June 30, 2020, all students who were attending school at the time the law was enacted are expected to be fully up-to-date on their required immunizations and therefore the 30-day extension allowing such children to be enrolled as long as they have scheduled appointments to complete their immunization series according to the ACIP schedule will expire.

21. Can all required vaccines be given at the same time? Can the schedule be spread out?

Scientific data show that getting several vaccines at the same time does not cause any health problems. If combination vaccines are used, the number of injections can be reduced. The highest number of vaccines that a child might need to attend school or daycare is seven. However, the number varies by age, and older children need fewer doses to catch up. It is important to note that infants routinely get multiple vaccines at once, according to the ACIP schedule. The ACIP schedule is approved by the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Academy of Family Practice, and is the standard of practice for vaccination in the United States. Vaccines can be

spread out to start, so long as a child receives the first age-appropriate dose in each immunization series within 14 days of the first day of attendance.

22. If a school doesn't receive State Aid, can it offer religious exemptions to the vaccination requirement?

No. All schools must comply with the immunization requirements, regardless of whether they receive State Aid. Public Health Law §2164(1)(a) defines "school" to include any public, private or parochial child caring center, day nursery, day care agency, nursery school, kindergarten, elementary, intermediate or secondary school.



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Pneumococcal Vaccine Requirements for New York State Prekindergarten and Daycare Entrance/Attendance by Age and Vaccination History: Children Aged 2 Through 5 Years

Current Age	Vaccination History	Additional Doses Required*	Total Number of Doses Required
24-59 months	0 doses (child never had any doses before age 24 months)	1	1
	1 dose administered on or after age 24 months	0	1
	1 dose administered before age 24 months	1	2
	2 doses, both administered on or after age 12 months	0	2
	2 doses, at least 1 administered before age 12 months	1	3
	3 doses, at least 1 administered on or after age 12 months	0	3
	3 doses, all administered before age 12 months	1	4
	4 doses	0	4
≥ 5 years	Not required for pre-K and daycare entrance or attendance for healthy children ≥ 5 years of age		



SEPTEMBER 2022

MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR CHILD CARE AND NEW SCHOOL ENTRANTS

(PUBLIC, PRIVATE, PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS AND CHILD CARE CENTERS)

ALL STUDENTS ENTERING A NEW YORK CITY (NYC) SCHOOL OR CHILD CARE FOR THE FIRST TIME MUST HAVE A COMPLETE PHYSICAL EXAMINATION AND ALL REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS

The comprehensive medical examination must be documented on a Child Adolescent Health Examination Form (CH205) and include the following:

Weight	Body Mass Index	Medical History
Height	Vision Screening	Developmental Assessment
Blood Pressure	Hearing Screening	Nutritional Evaluation
	Dental Screening	

All students entering NYC public or private schools or child care (including Universal 3K and Pre-Kindergarten classes) for the first time must submit a report of a physical examination performed within one year of school entry. Because children develop and grow so quickly at these early ages, if this initial examination is performed before the student is age 5 years, a second examination, performed between the child's fifth and sixth birthday, is also required. Fillable CH-205 forms that include the student's pre-populated vaccination histories are available in the NYC Citywide Immunization Registry (CIR). A savable version of the pre-populated CH205 is also available in the CIR and is accessible for use to update as needed. For school year 2022-2023, the previous version of the CH205 form produced from the Online Registry will continue to be accepted by all NYC Public Schools, Center/School/Home-Based Care and After-School until it is replaced by the new version.

Required Screening for Child Care Only

Screening	Required Information
Anemia Screening	Hematocrit OR Hemoglobin
Lead Screening, Assessment and Testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All children under age 6 years must be assessed annually for lead exposure. Blood lead tests are required for children at ages 1 and 2 years AND other children up to age 6 years if they are at risk of exposure OR if no lead test was previously documented. For more information, call the Lead Poisoning Prevention Program at 311, or visit https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/lead/lead-guidelines-children.pdf

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS 2022-23

The following immunization requirements are mandated by law for all students between the ages of 2 months and 18 years. Children must be excluded from school if they do not meet these requirements. To be considered fully immunized, a child must have an immunization history that includes all of the following vaccines. The child's immunization record should be evaluated according to the grade they are attending this school year.

PROVISIONAL REQUIREMENTS

New students may enter school or child care provisionally with documentation of at least this initial series of immunizations. Once admitted provisionally, subsequent vaccines must be administered in accordance with the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) "catch up" schedule for the child to be considered "in process" and remain in school (refer to <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/hcp/imz/catchup.html>). If a child does not receive subsequent doses of vaccine at appropriate intervals and according to the ACIP catch-up schedule, the child is no longer in process and must be excluded from school within 14 days after the minimum interval identified by the ACIP catch-up schedule. Alternative schedules are not acceptable. Students must complete the entire series to comply with the law. Students who have not been immunized within the provisional period must be issued exclusion letters and excluded from school or child care until they comply with the requirements.

VACCINES	CHILD CARE, HEAD START, NURSERY, 3K OR PRE-KINDERGARTEN	KINDERGARTEN through Grade 12
Diphtheria and tetanus toxoid-containing vaccine and pertussis vaccine (DTaP/DTDP/DT/Td/Tdap) ^{2,3}	One dose DTaP or DTP	Grades K-5: One dose DTaP, DTP, DT; or Td, Tdap (ages 7 years or older) Grades 6-12: one dose of Tdap
Polio vaccine (IPV/OPV) ^{1,4}	One dose	One dose
Measles, mumps, and rubella vaccine (MMR) ^{1,5} On or after the first birthday	One dose	One dose
Hepatitis B (HepB) vaccine ^{1,6}	One dose	One dose
Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine ^{1,7} On or after the first birthday	One dose	One dose
Meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MenACWY) ⁸ Grades 7 through 12		One dose
Haemophilus influenzae type b conjugate vaccine (Hib) ⁹ Through age 59 months (up until the 5 th birthday)	One dose	
Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV) ¹⁰ Through age 59 months (up until the 5 th birthday)	One dose	
Influenza ¹¹ Depending on their influenza vaccine history, some children may need two doses of influenza vaccine. A second dose is not required for child care/pre-K attendance.	One dose	

2022–23: FULL COMPLIANCE

New York State Immunization Requirements for Child Care and School Entrance/Attendance

Notes: For all settings and grades (child care, head start, nursery, 3K, pre-Kindergarten through 12), intervals between doses of vaccine should be in accordance with the ACIP-recommended immunization schedule for children aged 0 through 18 years. Doses received more than 4 calendar days before the recommended minimum age or interval are not valid and do not count. This 4-day grace period does not apply to the recommended 28-day minimum interval between doses of live virus vaccines (i.e., MMR, varicella). Refer to the footnotes for dose requirements and specific information about each vaccine. Children enrolling in gradeless classes should meet immunization requirements for their age-equivalent grade. Children who were not in full compliance before the start of the school year must complete requirements according to the ACIP-recommended catch-up schedule in order to remain in child care or school.

VACCINES	CHILD CARE, HEAD START, NURSERY, 3K OR PRE-KINDERGARTEN	KINDERGARTEN through Grade 5	GRADES 6 through 12
Diphtheria and tetanus toxoid-containing vaccine and pertussis vaccine (DTaP/DTp) ²	4 doses	5 doses or 4 doses if the fourth dose was received at age 4 years or older or 3 doses if the child is age 7 years or older and the series was started at age 1 year or older	3 doses
Tetanus and diphtheria toxoid-containing vaccine and pertussis vaccine booster (Tdap) ³		Not Applicable	1 dose
Polio vaccine (IPV/OPV) ^{1,4}	3 doses	4 doses or 3 doses if the third dose was received at age 4 years or older	
Measles, mumps, and rubella vaccine (MMR) ^{1,5}	1 dose		2 doses
Hepatitis B (HepB) vaccine ^{1,6}	3 doses	3 doses	3 doses or 2 doses of adult hepatitis B vaccine (Recombivax HB [®]) for children who received the doses at least 4 months apart between the ages of 11 through 15 years
Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine ^{1,7}	1 dose		2 doses
Meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MenACWY) ⁸		Not Applicable	Grades 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11: 1 dose Grade 12: 2 doses or 1 dose if the first dose was received at age 16 years or older
Haemophilus influenzae type b conjugate vaccine (Hib) ⁹	1 to 4 doses		Not Applicable
Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV) ¹⁰	1 to 4 doses		Not Applicable
Influenza ¹¹	1 dose		Not Applicable

For more information contact:

New York State Department of Health, Bureau of Immunization: 518-473-4437

New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Bureau of Immunization: 347-396-2433; Office of School Health Citywide (all districts): OSH@health.nyc.gov

- Documented serologic evidence of immunity to measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B, or varicella meets the requirements for these immunizations. Serologic evidence of immunity to polio is acceptable only if results are positive for all three serotypes and testing must have been done prior to September 1, 2019. Diagnosis by a physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner that a child had varicella disease is acceptable proof of immunity to varicella.
- Diphtheria and tetanus toxoids and acellular pertussis (DTaP) vaccine – (Minimum age: 6 weeks)**
 - Children starting the series on time should receive a five-dose series of DTaP vaccine at ages 2 months, 4 months, 6 months, 15 through 18 months, and age 4 years or older. The fourth dose may be received as early as age 12 months, provided at least 6 months have elapsed since the third dose. However, when retrospectively identified, the fourth dose need not be repeated if it was administered at least 4 months after the third dose. The final dose in the series must be received on or after the fourth birthday and at least 6 months after the prior dose.
 - If the fourth dose was administered at age 4 years or older, the fifth (booster) dose is not necessary.
 - If the fifth dose was received prior to the fourth birthday, a sixth dose, administered at least 6 months after the prior dose, is required.
 - For children born before January 1, 2005, immunity only to diphtheria is required; any diphtheria-containing vaccine can meet the requirement (DTaP, DT, Td, or Tdap).
 - Children ages 7 years and older who are not fully immunized with the childhood DTaP vaccine series should receive Tdap vaccine as the first dose in the catch-up series; if additional doses are needed, either Tdap or Td should be used. If the first dose of DTaP/DTp/DT was received before the first birthday, then four total doses are required to complete the series. If the first dose of DTaP/DTp/DT was received on or after the first birthday, then three total doses are required to complete the series. The final dose must be received on or after the fourth birthday.
- Tetanus and diphtheria toxoids and acellular pertussis (Tdap) vaccine – (Minimum age: 7 years)**
 - Students ages 11 years or older entering grades 6 through 12 are required to have one dose of Tdap.
 - Students without Tdap who are age 10 years upon entry to 6th grade are in compliance until they turn age 11 years.
 - In addition to the grade 6 through 12 requirement, Tdap may also be given as part of the catch-up series for students 7 years of age and older who are not fully immunized with the childhood DTaP series (see footnote 2e).
 - In school year 2022-2023, only doses of Tdap (or DTaP) given at age 10 years or older will satisfy the Tdap requirement for grades 6, 7 and 8; however, doses of Tdap (or DTaP) given at age 7 years or older will satisfy the requirement grades 9 through 12.
 - DTaP should NOT be used on or after the 7th birthday but if inadvertently received, the Tdap requirement is satisfied by doses of DTaP (see footnote 3c).
- Inactivated poliovirus vaccine (IPV) or oral polio vaccine (OPV) – (Minimum age: 6 weeks)**
 - Children starting the series on time should receive IPV at ages 2 months, 4 months, 6 through 18 months and age 4 years or older. The final dose in the series must be received on or after the fourth birthday and at least 6 months after the prior dose.
 - For students who received their fourth dose before age 4 years, if the 4th dose was prior to August 7, 2010, four doses separated by at least four weeks is sufficient.
 - If the third dose was received at age 4 years or older and at least 6 months after the prior dose, a fourth dose is not necessary.
 - If both OPV and IPV were administered as part of a series, the total number of doses and intervals between doses is the same as that recommended for the IPV schedule. For OPV to count towards the completion of the polio series, the dose(s) must have been given before April 1, 2016, and be trivalent (OPV).
- Measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine – (Minimum age: 12 months)**
 - The first dose of MMR vaccine must be given on or after the first birthday. The second dose must be given at least 28 days (four weeks) after the first dose to be considered valid.
 - Students in kindergarten through grade 12 must receive two doses of measles-containing vaccine, two doses of mumps-containing vaccine and at least one dose of rubella-containing vaccine.
- Hepatitis B (HepB) vaccine – (Minimum age: birth)**
 - The first dose of HepB vaccine may be given at birth or anytime thereafter. The second dose must be given at least four weeks (28 days) after the first dose. The third dose must be given at least eight weeks after the second dose AND at least 16 weeks after dose one AND no earlier than 24 weeks of age.
 - Administration of a total of four doses is permitted when a combination vaccine containing HepB is administered after the birth dose. This fourth dose is often needed to ensure that the last dose in the series is given on or after age 6 months.
 - Two doses of adult HepB vaccine (Recombivax[®]) received at least four months apart at age 11 through 15 years will meet the requirement.
- Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine – (Minimum age: 12 months)**
 - The first dose of varicella vaccine must be given on or after the first birthday. The second dose must be given at least 28 days (four weeks) after the first dose to be considered valid.
 - For children younger than age 13 years, the recommended minimum interval between doses is three months (though, if the second dose was administered at least four weeks after the first dose, it can be accepted as valid); for people aged 13 years and older, the minimum interval between doses is four weeks.
- Meningococcal Vaccine (MenACWY) – (Minimum age: 2 months)**
 - Students entering grades 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 are required to receive a single dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine against serogroups A, C, W-135 and Y (MenACWY vaccine).
 - Students entering grade 12 need to receive two doses of MenACWY vaccine, or only one dose of MenACWY vaccine if the first dose was administered at age 16 years or older.
 - If the second dose was administered before age 16 years, then a third dose given on or after age 16 years is required.
 - The minimum interval between doses of MenACWY vaccine is eight weeks.
 - In school year 2022-2023, only doses of MenACWY given at 10 years or older satisfies the requirement for grades 7, 8 and 9; doses given before 10 years will satisfy the requirement for the first dose for grades 10 through 12.
- Haemophilus influenzae type b conjugate vaccine (Hib) – (Minimum age: 6 weeks)**
 - Children starting the series on time and receiving PRP-T Hib vaccine should receive doses at ages 2 months, 4 months, 6 months and 12 through 15 months. If the formulation is PRP-OMP, only two doses are needed before age 12 through 15 months.
 - If 2 doses of vaccine were received before age 12 months, only 3 doses are required, with the third dose at 12 through 15 months and at least 8 weeks after the second dose.
 - If the first dose was received at age 12 through 14 months, only 2 doses are required with second dose at least 8 weeks after the first dose.
 - If the first dose was received at age 15 months or older, no further doses are required.
 - Hib vaccine is not required for children ages 5 years or older.
- Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV) – (Minimum age: 6 weeks)**
 - Children starting the series on time should receive PCV vaccine at ages 2 months, 4 months, 6 months and 12 through 15 months.
 - Unvaccinated children ages 7 through 11 months must receive two doses, at least four weeks apart, followed by a third dose at age 12 through 15 months and at least eight weeks after the prior dose.
 - Unvaccinated children ages 12 through 23 months must receive two doses at least eight weeks apart.
 - If a dose was received at age 24 months or older, no further doses are required.
 - PCV vaccine is not required for children ages 5 years or older.
 - See PCV chart at <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/downloads/child/job-aids/pneumococcal.pdf>
- Influenza Vaccine – (Minimum age: 6 months)**
 - All children 6 months through 59 months of age enrolled in NYC Article 47 & 43 regulated Child Care, Head Start, Nursery, or Pre-K programs must receive one dose of influenza vaccine between July 1st and December 31st of each year.
 - Depending on their prior influenza vaccination history, some children may need two doses of influenza vaccine, however, a second dose is not required for school entry. Please refer to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (cdc.gov/flu) or New York City Department of Health (www.nyc.gov/health/flu)



REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF SEROLOGY OR DOCUMENTATION OF VARICELLA DISEASE TO SATISFY IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS



Student's Name

Date of Birth ____ / ____ / ____

OSIS #

ATS DBN

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE REQUESTING MEDICAL PROVIDER

New York State Public Health Law §2164 allows for laboratory documentation of immunity to satisfy the immunization requirements for school/childcare attendance for measles, mumps, rubella, varicella, and hepatitis B. Serologic evidence of immunity to polio is acceptable only if results are positive for all three serotypes and testing was done prior to September 1, 2019. **Serologic results are not acceptable proof of immunity to diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, meningococcus, pneumococcus, or *Haemophilus influenzae* type b.** Diagnosis by a physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner that a child has had varicella (chicken pox) disease is acceptable proof of immunity to varicella. Parent history of varicella disease is not acceptable.

As the child's medical provider, I certify that this child has (select all that apply):

Lab evidence of immunity*: ☐ Measles ☐ Mumps ☐ Rubella ☐ Varicella ☐ Hepatitis B ☐ Polio (3 serotypes)

Varicella disease history*: ☐ Varicella disease (must be provider-documented)

* You must include one of the following documents for laboratory evidence of immunity or varicella documentation:

- A copy of the laboratory result including student name, DOB, test results and either reference range or qualitative result (e.g., positive, immune); you must sign the document.
 - Equivocal results are not accepted as proof of immunity.
 - Notes indicating immunity without laboratory test results are not accepted as proof of immunity.
- For varicella disease: documentation or basis for confirming varicella disease.
 - Original note confirming varicella disease when available.
 - Citywide Immunization Registry history page indicating that the child had varicella disease: must be provider-documented; documentation or basis for diagnosis may be requested.
 - Parent history alone is not acceptable documentation for varicella disease.

I am the student's treating health care practitioner:

Physician Name:	NYS License # ____
Physician Signature:	Degree: <input type="checkbox"/> MD <input type="checkbox"/> DO <input type="checkbox"/> NP <input type="checkbox"/> PA
Office Phone (____) ____ - ____ Ext ____	Stamp
Cell Phone (____) ____ - ____	
Date ____ / ____ / ____	

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION

I, authorize _____ (health professional) to provide the New York City Departments of Health and Education with information contained in my child's medical record, including, but not limited to laboratory or other records supporting this request.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian's signature _____ Date: ____ / ____ / ____

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Confirmed immunity	<input type="checkbox"/> MEASLES	<input type="checkbox"/> MUMPS	<input type="checkbox"/> RUBELLA	<input type="checkbox"/> VARICELLA	<input type="checkbox"/> HEP B	<input type="checkbox"/> VARICELLA DISEASE	<input type="checkbox"/> POLIO
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Reviewed by _____ Date ____ / ____ / ____



Notice of Exclusion from School Due to Incomplete Immunization Record

Child's Name: _____ Date: _____

School ID: _____ Grade/Class: _____

School: _____ School Phone: _____

Dear Parent / Guardian:

As of ____/____/____ your child cannot attend school due to incomplete required school immunizations. Under Public Health Law § 2164, your child will not be allowed to return to school unless you provide documentation that they have received the next dose of each of the following required vaccine(s) or had a blood test to check for immunity to measles, mumps, rubella, varicella, polio, or hepatitis B.

VACCINE	Number of Dose(s) Needed	NOTES (refer to SH65 for details by age and grade)
DTaP (<i>Diphtheria-tetanus-acellular pertussis</i>) DTP (<i>Diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis</i>) Td (<i>Tetanus-diphtheria</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 st <input type="checkbox"/> 2 nd <input type="checkbox"/> 3 rd <input type="checkbox"/> 4 th <input type="checkbox"/> 5 th	
Tdap (<i>Tetanus-diphtheria-acellular pertussis</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 st	Only doses of Tdap (or DTaP) given at 10 years or older satisfies the requirement for grades 6, 7 and 8; doses given at 7 years or older satisfies the requirement for grades 9-12.
IPV/OPV (<i>Polio</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 st <input type="checkbox"/> 2 nd <input type="checkbox"/> 3 rd <input type="checkbox"/> 4 th	Bloodwork that shows proof of immunity is accepted but must include <u>all three polio serotypes</u> (testing must have been done before September 2019).
MMR (<i>Measles, mumps, rubella</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 st <input type="checkbox"/> 2 nd	Bloodwork that shows proof of immunity is accepted.
HepB (<i>Hepatitis B</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 st <input type="checkbox"/> 2 nd <input type="checkbox"/> 3 rd	Bloodwork that shows proof of immunity or chronic HepB infection is accepted.
Varicella (<i>Chickenpox</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 st <input type="checkbox"/> 2 nd	Bloodwork that shows proof of immunity OR provider documentation of disease is accepted.
MenACWY (<i>Meningococcal Conjugate</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 st <input type="checkbox"/> 2 nd	Only doses of MenACWY given at 10 years or older satisfies the requirement for grades 7, 8 and 9; doses given before 10 years satisfies the requirement for the first dose for grades 10-12.
Hib (<i>Haemophilus influenzae type b</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 st <input type="checkbox"/> 2 nd <input type="checkbox"/> 3 rd <input type="checkbox"/> 4 th	Child Care, Head Start, Nursery, 3K or Pre-K
PCV (<i>Pneumococcal conjugate</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 st <input type="checkbox"/> 2 nd <input type="checkbox"/> 3 rd <input type="checkbox"/> 4 th	Child Care, Head Start, Nursery, 3K or Pre-K
Influenza	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 st	Child Care, Head Start, Nursery, 3K or Pre-K
Note to Providers: Please go to schools.nyc.gov and search "immunizations" to review SH65 (Medical Requirements for School Year 2022-23) in the "Information for Providers" section and school immunization requirements-related forms.		

Please show this letter to your child's medical provider to ensure that your child receives the missing dose(s) listed. If your child has **already** received these vaccines, please give the records of immunization or immunity to your school principal. Alternative schedules are not allowed. If you have any questions about the law requiring immunizations for school, or to find out more about where your child can be vaccinated, please call **311**.

Sincerely,

Principal Name: _____

Principal Signature: _____

cc: Student file, Attendance Teacher (Public School)

SH-88 (rev. June 2022) Exclusion



Warning Notice: Your Child's Immunization Status

Child's Name: _____ Date: _____

School ID: _____ Grade/Class: _____

School: _____ School Phone: _____

Dear Parent / Guardian:

We reviewed your child's health record and found that your child is missing one or more vaccines needed for school entry. Please immediately provide records showing your child received the vaccines listed below or had a blood test to check for immunity to measles, mumps, rubella, varicella, polio, or hepatitis B. **Under Public Health Law § 2164, your child will not be permitted to attend school after ____/____/____ unless you provide documentation that your child received the required vaccines or has proof of immunity.** Please note: If your child received doses of vaccine BEFORE the minimum age (too early), those doses do NOT count toward the number of doses needed.

VACCINE	Number of Dose(s) Needed	NOTES (refer to SH65 for details by age and grade)
DTaP (<i>Diphtheria-tetanus-acellular pertussis</i>) DTP (<i>Diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis</i>) Td (<i>Tetanus-diphtheria</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 st <input type="checkbox"/> 2 nd <input type="checkbox"/> 3 rd <input type="checkbox"/> 4 th <input type="checkbox"/> 5 th	
Tdap (<i>Tetanus-diphtheria-acellular pertussis</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 st	Only doses of Tdap (or DTaP) given at 10 years or older satisfies the requirement for grades 6, 7 and 8; doses given at 7 years or older satisfies the requirement for grades 9-12.
IPV/OPV (<i>Polio</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 st <input type="checkbox"/> 2 nd <input type="checkbox"/> 3 rd <input type="checkbox"/> 4 th	Bloodwork that shows proof of immunity is accepted but must include <u>all three polio serotypes</u> (testing must have been done before September 2019).
MMR (<i>Measles, mumps, rubella</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 st <input type="checkbox"/> 2 nd	Bloodwork that shows proof of immunity is accepted.
HepB (<i>Hepatitis B</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 st <input type="checkbox"/> 2 nd <input type="checkbox"/> 3 rd	Bloodwork that shows proof of immunity or chronic HepB infection is accepted.
Varicella (<i>Chickenpox</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 st <input type="checkbox"/> 2 nd	Bloodwork that shows proof of immunity <i>OR</i> provider documentation of disease is accepted.
MenACWY (<i>Meningococcal Conjugate</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 st <input type="checkbox"/> 2 nd	Only doses of MenACWY given at 10 years or older satisfies the requirement for grades 7, 8 and 9; doses given before 10 years satisfies the requirement for the first dose for grades 10-12.
Hib (<i>Haemophilus influenzae type b</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 st <input type="checkbox"/> 2 nd <input type="checkbox"/> 3 rd <input type="checkbox"/> 4 th	Child Care, Head Start, Nursery, 3K or Pre-K
PCV (<i>Pneumococcal conjugate</i>)	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 st <input type="checkbox"/> 2 nd <input type="checkbox"/> 3 rd <input type="checkbox"/> 4 th	Child Care, Head Start, Nursery, 3K or Pre-K
Influenza	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 st	Child Care, Head Start, Nursery, 3K or Pre-K
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Please show this letter to your child's medical provider to ensure that your child receives the missing dose(s) listed. If your child has **already** received these vaccines, please give the records of immunization or immunity to your school principal. Alternative schedules are not allowed. If you have any questions about the law requiring immunizations for school, or to find out more about where your child can be vaccinated, please call **311**.

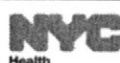
Sincerely,

Principal Name:

Principal Signature:

cc: Student file, Attendance Teacher (Public School)

SH-89 (rev. June 2022) Warning

**MEDICAL REQUEST FOR IMMUNIZATION EXEMPTION**

Student Information	DOE School Sites	Non-DOE School Sites
Student Name:	OSIS #	School/Facility Name:
Date of Birth ____/____/_____ Student Address:	ATS DBN	School contact name/title: Phone: _____ FAX: _____ Address:

Instructions for the Requesting Physician

This form **must be completed and signed by a physician licensed in New York State** and be based on Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' recommendations and guidelines, in accordance with NYS Public Health Law Section 2164. Parental concerns about immunizations do not constitute a valid medical exemption. Medical exemptions are granted for no more than one year and requests must be resubmitted annually. NYC Department of Health medical providers review all medical exemption requests and may request additional information. Note: students on home instruction are required to be vaccinated in accordance with the NYS Public Health Law Section 2164.

The following are **NOT** valid contraindications to **ANY** routine vaccine:

- Egg allergy, even if anaphylactic, is not a valid contraindication to MMR, influenza, or any other vaccine.
- Autism and/or developmental delay in the child or family member.
- Controlled seizures (with or without medication).
- Mild, acute illness (e.g., low-grade fever, cold, upper respiratory illness, diarrhea, otitis media).
- Prior influenza A and/or B infection (influenza vaccine still required for children up to the 5th birthday).
- Contact with immunosuppressed persons by a healthy individual.
- Pregnancy in the household or contact with a pregnant woman.
- Family history of any vaccine reaction(s) or history of allergies (in a relative).
- Family history of seizures (in a relative).
- Parental requests to delay or withhold vaccinations will not be considered.

Medical Exemption Request

As the student's physician, I request a medical exemption for (student name) _____
date of birth ____/____/____ for the following required immunization(s). I certify under penalty of violation of NYS Public Health Law Section 2164 that the particular immunization(s) will be detrimental to the child's health:

<input type="checkbox"/> Hepatitis B <input type="checkbox"/> DTaP <input type="checkbox"/> Tdap <input type="checkbox"/> Td <input type="checkbox"/> Polio <input type="checkbox"/> MMR <input type="checkbox"/> Varicella <input type="checkbox"/> MenACWY	For children up to the 5th birthday <input type="checkbox"/> PCV13 <input type="checkbox"/> Hib <input type="checkbox"/> Influenza
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Explanation for exemption request for each vaccine(s). please attach supporting documentation if needed.

Diagnosis/Event/Treatment: _____
Date of Diagnosis/Event: _____ Expected Duration of Contraindication: _____

Physician Name:	NYS License # NY _____	
Physician Signature:	Degree (MD / DO)	Date ____/____/____
Office Phone (_____) _____ - _____ Ext _____ Cell Phone (_____) _____ - _____	Stamp	

Parent/Guardian Consent for Release of Information

I, (parent/guardian name) _____ authorize (physician name) _____ to provide the New York City Departments of Health and Education with information contained in my child's medical record, including, but not limited to laboratory or other records supporting this request.

Parent/Guardian's signature _____ Date ____/____/____

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REQUIRED NYS SCHOOL HEALTH EXAMINATION FORM
TO BE COMPLETED BY PRIVATE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER OR SCHOOL MEDICAL DIRECTOR
IF AN AREA IS NOT ASSESSED INDICATE NOT DONE

Note: NYSED requires a physical exam for new entrants and students in Grades Pre-K or K, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 & 11; annually for interscholastic sports; and working papers as needed; or as required by the Committee on Special Education (CSE) or Committee on Pre-School Special education (CPSE).

STUDENT INFORMATION

Name	Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	DOB:
School:	Grade:	Exam Date:

HEALTH HISTORY

Allergies <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, indicate type	Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Medication/Treatment Order Attached <input type="checkbox"/> Anaphylaxis Care Plan Attached
Asthma <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, indicate type	<input type="checkbox"/> Intermittent <input type="checkbox"/> Persistent <input type="checkbox"/> Other : <input type="checkbox"/> Medication/Treatment Order Attached <input type="checkbox"/> Asthma Care Plan Attached
Seizures <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, indicate type	Type: <input type="checkbox"/> Medication/Treatment Order Attached <input type="checkbox"/> Seizure Care Plan Attached Date of last seizure:
Diabetes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, indicate type	Type: <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Medication/Treatment Order Attached <input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes Medical Mgmt. Plan Attached

Risk Factors for Diabetes or Pre-Diabetes: Consider screening for T2DM if BMI% > 85% and has 2 or more risk factors: Family Hx T2DM, Ethnicity, Sx Insulin Resistance, Gestational Hx of Mother, and/or pre-diabetes.

BMI _____ kg/m²

Percentile (Weight Status Category): ☐ <5th ☐ 5th-49th ☐ 50th-84th ☐ 85th-94th ☐ 95th-98th ☐ 99th and >

Hyperlipidemia: ☐ No ☐ Yes ☐ Not Done **Hypertension:** ☐ No ☐ Yes ☐ Not Done

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION/ASSESSMENT

Height:	Weight:	BP:	Pulse:	Respirations:
Laboratory Testing	Positive	Negative	Date	List Other Pertinent Medical Concerns (e.g. concussion, mental health, one functioning organ)
TB- PRN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Sickle Cell Screen-PRN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Lead Level Required Grades Pre- K & K		Date		
<input type="checkbox"/> Test Done <input type="checkbox"/> Lead Elevated ≥ 5 $\mu\text{g/dL}$				
<input type="checkbox"/> System Review and Abnormal Findings Listed Below				
<input type="checkbox"/> HEENT	<input type="checkbox"/> Lymph nodes	<input type="checkbox"/> Abdomen	<input type="checkbox"/> Extremities	<input type="checkbox"/> Speech
<input type="checkbox"/> Dental	<input type="checkbox"/> Cardiovascular	<input type="checkbox"/> Back/Spine	<input type="checkbox"/> Skin	<input type="checkbox"/> Social Emotional
<input type="checkbox"/> Neck	<input type="checkbox"/> Lungs	<input type="checkbox"/> Genitourinary	<input type="checkbox"/> Neurological	<input type="checkbox"/> Musculoskeletal
<input type="checkbox"/> Assessment/Abnormalities Noted/Recommendations:			Diagnoses/Problems (list) ICD-10 Code*	
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional Information Attached			*Required only for students with an IEP receiving Medicaid	

Name:				DOB:	
Vision & Hearing SCREENINGS - Required for PreK or K, 1, 3, 5, 7, & 11					
Vision (w/correction if prescribed)	Right	Left	Referral	Not Done	
Distance Acuity	20/	20/	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Near Vision Acuity	20/	20/		<input type="checkbox"/>	
Color Perception Screening <input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail				<input type="checkbox"/>	
Notes					
Hearing Passing indicates student can hear 20dB at all frequencies: 500, 1000, 2000, 3000, 4000 Hz; for grades 7 & 11 also test at 6000 & 8000 Hz.					Not Done
Pure Tone Screening	Right <input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail	Left <input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail	Referral <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Notes					
Scoliosis Screen Boys in grade 9, and Girls in grades 5 & 7		Negative	Positive	Referral	Not Done
		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/>
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PARTICIPATION IN PHYSICAL EDUCATION/SPORTS/PLAYGROUND/WORK					
<input type="checkbox"/> Student may participate in all activities without restrictions. <input type="checkbox"/> Student is restricted from participation in: <input type="checkbox"/> Contact Sports: Basketball, Competitive Cheerleading, Diving, Downhill Skiing, Field Hockey, Football, Gymnastics, Ice Hockey, Lacrosse, Soccer, and Wrestling. <input type="checkbox"/> Limited Contact Sports: Baseball, Fencing, Softball, and Volleyball. <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Contact Sports: Archery, Badminton, Bowling, Cross-Country, Golf, Riflery, Swimming, Tennis, and Track & Field. <input type="checkbox"/> Other Restrictions:					
Developmental Stage for Athletic Placement Process <u>ONLY</u> required for students in Grades 7 & 8 who wish to play at the high school interscholastic sports level OR Grades 9-12 who wish to play at the modified interscholastic sports level. Tanner Stage: <input type="checkbox"/> I <input type="checkbox"/> II <input type="checkbox"/> III <input type="checkbox"/> IV <input type="checkbox"/> V Age of First Menses (if applicable) : _____					
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Accommodations*: (e.g. Brace, orthotics, insulin pump, prosthetic, sports goggle, etc.) Use additional space below to explain. *Check with athletic governing body if prior approval/form completion required for use of device at athletic competitions.					
MEDICATIONS					
<input type="checkbox"/> Order Form for Medication(s) Needed at School Attached					
IMMUNIZATIONS					
<input type="checkbox"/> Record Attached			<input type="checkbox"/> Reported in NYSIS		
HEALTH CARE PROVIDER					
Medical Provider Signature:					
Provider Name: <i>(please print)</i>					
Provider Address:					
Phone:			Fax:		
Please Return This Form To Your Child's School When Completed.					