

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### IMMUNIZATIONS:

- Immunizations are mandated by the New York State Department of Health and the New York State Department of Education. Students attending school must be **up to date with immunizations by their first day of school.**
- Documentation that the required vaccinations were given, or proof of an appointment to receive missing vaccinations is required. Proof of immunization can be :
  - An immunization certificate signed by your health care practitioner.
  - A record issued by New Your State Immunization Information System (NYSIIS)
  - An electronic health record from your provider's office.
  - A blood test ( titer) lab report that proves your child is immune to the diseases. **( titers for diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus and polio are not accepted).**
  - For varicella (chicken pox), a note from your healthcare provider ( Medical Doctor, Nurse Practitioner, Physician Assistant ) which says your child had chickenpox.
- Immunization requirements according to your child's grade are located under the "Health Resources" section on the website.  
**Students will be excluded from attending school in September if they have incomplete or missing immunization records (as per NYS immunization law).**

### PHYSICALS:

- New entrants, Nursery students, Pre-kindergarteners,Kindergarteners, and students in grades 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11 are required to submit a physical examination report on the NYS **Required School Health Examination Form** and be dated within 1 year of the first day of school.

- Students who participate in sports must have a current physical examination completed on the **Required School Health Examination Form**, dated within **12 months of the start of each season.**
- Any student participating in sports, must also complete the **Interval Health History for Athletics**. This informs us of any health issues and ensures that changes that have occurred since the last physical examination are identified. **A new form is needed for the start of each sports season.**

A **concussion agreement** must be completed and signed by a parent or guardian and the student. **A new agreement is needed for the start of each sports season.**

- If your child is seen by a specialist for a medical condition, (such as cardiac, respiratory, or endocrine), a separate clearance letter, signed by your physician and dated **within 12 months** of the start of the sports season is required.
- Any injuries sustained when school is not in session will require a clearance note from a physician when your child returns to school.

## **ANNUAL SCREENINGS:**

- Screening tests done at school include the assessments of vision, hearing and scoliosis.
- Hearing and vision : Grades Pre-K, K, 1, 3, 5, and 7
- Scoliosis : Grades 5, 7 (Girls Only)

## **EMERGENCY HEALTH SERVICES:**

- Primary responsibility for school emergency health services rests with the school health services staff. The staff provides first aid whenever appropriate.
- **Please complete both the Student Emergency and Special Emergency sheets in the forms provided.** It is especially important to include all additional

emergency contact information in the event we are unable to contact a parent or guardian.

- **In the event of an emergency, illness, or injury it is imperative we have updated contact information as well as the names of those your child may be released to.**

## **ILLNESS/INJURY:**

### **ILLNESS:**

- It is advisable to keep your child home from school , and if necessary to consult your private physician if your child has any of the following symptoms:

Elevated temperature - 100.1 or above	Earache
Reddened or discharging eyes	Diarrhea
Nausea or vomiting	Coughing
Skin eruptions	Sore throat

- For all illnesses, your child must have symptoms resolved, and be free of vomiting, nausea, or fever ( without the use of medication) for **24 hours.**
- Students may not attend school if they have active vomiting or frequent bouts of diarrhea.
- Students who have been out of school due to strep infection or conjunctivitis may return after they have **completed a 24 hour** course of treatment (for conjunctivitis - eye must be without drainage).
- **If a student is unwell and absent 3 or more consecutive days, a doctor's note will be required.**
- Please notify the school nurse if your child has a rash, communicable disease or other medical condition, or a change in known medical condition and/or injury. Medical documentation may be required and will be requested by the school nurse.
- The nurse at the school will contact you if your child becomes ill or is injured.

- It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to arrange transportation for his or her child if necessary. **We have no accommodations for the day for a child who is unwell.**

#### **INJURY:**

- Students with injuries must have a note from your healthcare provider listing all restrictions and accommodations needed.
- A clearance note from your healthcare provider is required for students to resume normal activities once the injury is resolved.

#### **ABSENCES:**

- Excused absences (such as those due to illness, death in the family, religious observance) should be accompanied by a parent note.
- **If a student is unwell and absent 3 or more consecutive days, a doctor's note will be required.**
- If a student has a recurring illness or medical condition, a parent or guardian may provide documentation to be kept on file and will not be required to provide a doctor's note for each occurrence.
- If you choose to keep your child home for anything other than an illness, please be sure to mention that your child is not unwell.

#### **MEDICATION AT SCHOOL:**

- The overall expectation is that children's medication is administered at home.
- Students may at times need to take medication during school hours. This applies to medications **medically necessary** for the student to take while in school or at school sponsored events.

- **If your child requires medication at school, please refer to the “ Guidelines for Administering Medication in School” on the website.** Please complete all forms and return on or before the first day of school.
- **Emergency medications** ( epi pens, inhalers ) are expected by the first day of school along with the required MD order / parent signature. Medication must be delivered by a parent or designated adult.
- All medications must be delivered by a parent or designated adult.
- Students without orders to self carry emergency medication are not permitted to have medication of any kind with them during the school day.

Thank you for your cooperation regarding the health and wellbeing of our student population.

Please contact the school nurse if you need assistance or have any questions or concerns.

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