

Dear Parents:

2019-2020

It is important for you to know the legal health requirements for students, as determined by the Illinois State Board of Education and the Illinois Department of Public Health. **All required physical and immunization forms are due by the first day of school. This will allow time for review and notification prior to the October 15<sup>th</sup> exclusion deadline.**

These requirements include:

I. **Physical examinations:** Physical examinations are required of all students, completed within one year prior to the entrance of preschool, kindergarten and sixth grades, as well as students transferring from another state or from another country. This physical exam must be recorded on the State of Illinois Certificate of Child Health Examination form. For students transferring from another Illinois school, transfer health records will be accepted as long as they are received by the deadline and found to be complete. **Parents must complete the identifying information and health history section at the top of page two of the State of Illinois Certificate of Child Health Examination form, and sign it.**

Documentation of the following must be included in the physical exam:

**A. All sections of the form must be completed and documented. Incomplete forms will be considered non-compliant and returned for completion.**

**B. Immunizations:** Evidence of immunity according to state guidelines against Diphtheria-Pertussis-Tetanus (**DTP**), Polio, Measles, Mumps and Rubella (**MMR**), **Varicella** (Chicken Pox) and **Hepatitis B must be included**. Hepatitis B is given as a series in three separate immunizations, at specific intervals. The Hepatitis B vaccination is required for all children entering grades 5-12. If the series is not completed by the start of school, a Hepatitis B immunization schedule must be signed by the child's doctor and returned to school. **One dose of the Meningococcal Conjugate (MCV4)** vaccine is required for all students entering the 6<sup>th</sup> grade. **One dose of Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (TDap)** vaccine is required for grades 6-12. Haemophilus influenza type b (HIB) is required for children age 2 to 5 years old. The immunization record must include the month, day and year the immunization was given. Please confer with your child's physician or the school nurse if you have any questions. **A New religious waiver must be submitted in grades pre-k, K, 6<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. The Illinois Certificate of Religious Exemption form must be submitted and signed off by a medical doctor. (Chiropractors are not allowed to sign off on these forms per the state).**

II. **Dental Examination:** Illinois law requires all children in kindergarten, second, and sixth grade, or any student new to Illinois schools, to have a complete dental examination by May 15 of that school year. **Dental exams completed up to 18 months prior to the May 15<sup>th</sup> deadline are acceptable.**

III. **Eye Examination:** Illinois law requires all children enrolling in kindergarten or any student new to Illinois schools, to have a complete eye examination by October 15, 2019. The form must be completed in its entirety by an optometrist or ophthalmologist and dated within one year of the first day

of school. Preschool vision screenings do not replace the professional vision exam required for kindergarten.

The Certificate of Health, Dental, and Vision exam forms can be found on our website ([www.hbr429.org](http://www.hbr429.org)) under the departments tab and then under health services. Students that require medication during school hours must complete the medication authorization form. If your child has an allergy that requires special attention, an allergy action plan must be completed by the student's pediatrician and submitted to the school nurse.

Please contact me if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

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