

STATE LAW REQUIREMENTS FOR PHYSICALS AND IMMUNIZATIONS

SCHOOL PHYSICAL - The School Code of Illinois states that prior to entrance into ninth grade or entry into an Illinois school from out of state, students must provide documentation of a school physical examination with the required immunizations (please see below). New students (upperclassmen) who transfer from a school within IL are required to provide a copy of their ninth grade or current physical with immunizations. **The required current physical exam form, *State of Illinois Certificate of Child Health Examination*, with the completed immunization record MUST be on file before the student will be allowed to attend; no other forms are acceptable. Please insure this exam form is on file with the nurse's office prior to the first day of school.** The physical exam must be done within 1 year of the first day of school. A sports physical form may not be submitted in lieu of the State of Illinois Department of Human Services form as the sports form is an abbreviated physical exam done annually for participation in athletics.

*****Per High School District 117 policy, if the completed physical exam form is not on file, the student will not be allowed to attend the first day and may not return until the completed form is received.*****

EYE EXAM - For students entering the Illinois school system for the first time, the law also requires that proof of an eye examination by an optometrist or physician (such as an ophthalmologist) who provides eye examinations be submitted to the school no later than October 15 of the year the child is first enrolled. The examination form, the *IDPH Eye Examination Report Form*, must be completed within one year prior to the first day of the school year the child enters the Illinois school system for the first time. The parent of any child who is unable to obtain an examination must submit a waiver form to the school.

SCHOOL IMMUNIZATIONS - The regulations concerning immunizations are as follows. The immunization record must include month/day/year and be signed by the medical provider.

- A. **Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertusis (DTP/DTaP/Tdap)** - three or more doses of DTp/DTaP or Td; with the last dose received on or after the 4th birthday.
- B. **Tdap** - one dose
- C. **Polio** – three or more doses with the last dose received on or after the 4th birthday. If the series is given in any combination of polio vaccine types, 4 or more doses are required with the last dose on or after the 4th birthday
- D. **Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)** – two doses of the vaccine, the first dose must be given after the 1st birthday and the second no less than 4 weeks later
- E. **Hepatitis B** – three doses at the recommended intervals
- F. **Varicella (chicken pox)** – two doses or a statement from the health care provider verifying the disease
- G. **Meningococcal Conjugate (MCV4 – this does not include the meningococcal serotype B vaccine)** – two doses at entry into 12th grade (only one dose is required if the first dose was received at 16 years of age or older).

*****Per High School District 117 policy, if the meningococcal vaccine record is not on file before entrance into the twelve grade, the student will not be allowed to attend the first day and may not return until the documentation is received.*****

EXEMPTIONS FROM REQUIREMENTS:

- A. **Medical Exemption** - If your physician feels that the physical condition of the child is such that the administration of one or more of the required immunizations would be detrimental to the health of the child, the vaccine may not be required. A statement from the physician stating which vaccine(s) will not be given accompanied by the medical contraindication(s) must be given. The request for medical exemption from a vaccine may require State approval.
- B. **Religious Exemption** – As of October 16, 2015, If the parent or guardian of a child objects to immunization(s) or an exam due to religious beliefs, the *Illinois Certificate of Religious Exemption to Required Immunizations and/or Examinations Form* must be completed and signed by both the parent/legal guardian and the health care provider. The form requires a statement of religious belief(s) for each vaccination/examination exemption requested. Illinois law does not allow exemptions for personal or philosophical reasons.

Your child's health is an important factor and his/her school life can be more meaningful and interesting if he/she attends regularly. Some illnesses and conditions which cause frequent absences from school can be prevented. Any known condition concerning ears, eyes, teeth, tonsils, feet or skin should be taken care of before school commences. Any special problems your child may have, including physical education restrictions and vision or hearing difficulties, should be discussed with the school. Please remember medications may only be given through the nurse's office if a *Medication Administration* form is on file.

For blank forms, please visit the school's homepage on the district website, chsd117.org, and click on Nurse's Office under the Student Services tab found under either Student or Parent links.

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