

STATE LAW REQUIREMENTS FOR PHYSICALS AND IMMUNIZATIONS
Beginning 2018-2019

SCHOOL PHYSICAL – before entry into 9th grade or entry into an IL school from out of state, students must provide a school physical examination form with the required immunizations (please see below). New students (upperclasses) who transfer from a school within IL are required to provide a copy of their 9th grade or an updated physical form 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. 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. **If your student is new to IL public schools and you are unable to complete all of the requirements prior to their scheduled first day, please contact the nurse.**

*****For incoming 9th graders, per High School District 117 policy, if the completed physical exam form with documentation of all required immunizations 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.*****

*****NEW REQUIREMENT*** DENTAL EXAM** – 9th grade students are required to have an oral health exam submitted to the school on the State of Illinois form, Proof of School Dental Examination Form. The exam must be completed within 18 months prior to May 15 of the 9th grade school year. The parent of any child who is unable to obtain an examination must submit a dental examination waiver form.

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

- 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.
- Tdap - one dose
- 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
- 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
- Hepatitis B – three doses at the recommended intervals
- Varicella (chicken pox) – two doses or a statement from the health care provider verifying the disease
- Meningococcal Conjugate (MCV4) – this does not include the meningococcal serotype B vaccine) – one dose at entry into 9th grade - two doses at entry into 12th grade with the second dose being given after age 16 (only one dose is required if the first dose was received at 16 years of age or older).

*****For incoming 12th graders, per High School District 117 policy, if the required meningococcal vaccine record is not on file, the student will not be allowed to attend the first day and may not return until the documentation is received.*****

EYE EXAM - For students entering the Illinois school system for the first time, proof of an eye examination by an optometrist or an ophthalmologist must 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.

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 specific 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/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.

Please remember medications, prescription and over-the-counter, may only be given through the nurse's office if a Medication Administration/Self-Administration Consent Form for Prescription and Over-the-Counter Medications form signed by the medical provider and the parent/guardian is on file for the current school year. Students are not allowed to carry medications with them unless specific circumstances apply.

For blank forms, please visit the school's homepage on the district website, chsd117.org, and click on the FORMS link.

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