

## Students

### Health, Eye and Dental Examinations, Immunizations, and Exclusion of Students

**Summary:** A student's parent/guardian shall present proof that the student received a health examination, screenings and immunizations against, preventable communicable diseases, as required by State law and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH).

#### Required Health Examinations and Immunizations

A student's parent(s)/guardian(s) shall present proof that the student received a health examination with proof of the immunizations against, and screenings for, preventable communicable diseases, as required by the Illinois Department of Public Health, as set forth below.

#### A. Required Health Examinations

A parent/guardian must provide proof that a student has received a health examination, in accordance with the Illinois Department of Public Health rules and regulations, within one year prior to:

1. Entering kindergarten or the first grade;
2. Entering the sixth grade; and
3. Enrolling in an Illinois school, regardless of the student's grade (including nursery school, special education, Head Start programs operated by elementary or secondary schools, and students transferring into Illinois from out-of-state or out-of-country).

As required by State law, health examinations must be performed by a physician licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches, an advanced practice nurse who has a written collaborative agreement with a collaborating physician authorizing the advanced practice nurse to perform health examinations, or a physician assistant who has been delegated the performance of health examinations by a supervising physician. The health examination must include:

1. A diabetes screening; (diabetes testing is not required);
2. For children between the ages of 1 and 7 years, a statement from a physician that the child was risk-assessed or screened for lead poisoning;
3. A tuberculosis skin test screening, if the child resides in an area designated by the Illinois Department of Public Health as having high incidence of tuberculosis.
4. Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, an age-appropriate developmental screening and an age-appropriate social and emotional screening, both in accordance with IDPH rules; however, a student will not be excluded from school due to his or her parent/guardian's failure to obtain developmental screening or a social and emotional screening;
5. The IDPH will provide all female students entering sixth grade and their parents/guardians information about the link between human papilloma virus (HPV) and HPV-related cancers and the availability of the HPV vaccine.
6. The District will provide informational materials regarding influenza, influenza vaccinations, meningococcal disease, and meningococcal vaccinations developed, provided, or approved by the IDPH when it provides information on immunizations, infectious diseases, medications, or other school health issues to students, parent(s)/guardian(s).

7. Proof of immunization against meningococcal disease is required for students in grades 6-8.

**B. Required Immunizations**

At or about the same time of presenting proof of health examinations, a parent(s)/guardian(s) must provide proof that a student has received all required immunizations in accordance with the

Communicable Disease Prevention Act and the Illinois Department of Public Health rules and regulations.

Unless an exemption or extension applies, the failure to comply with the health examination and immunization requirements by October 15 of the current school year will result in the student's exclusion from school until the required health forms are presented to the District. New students who register after October 15 of the current school year shall have 30 days following registration to comply with the health examination and immunization regulations. If a medical reason prevents a student from receiving a required immunization by October 15, the student must present, by October 15, an immunization schedule and a statement of the medical reasons causing the delay. The schedule and statement of medical reasons must be signed by the physician, advanced practice nurse, physician assistant, or local health department responsible for administering the immunizations.

A student transferring from out-of-state who does not have the required proof of immunizations by October 15 may attend classes only if he or she has proof that an appointment for the required vaccinations is scheduled with a party authorized to submit proof of the required vaccinations. Out-of-state immunization forms may be accepted for students transferring into Illinois for the first time. If the required proof of vaccination is not submitted within 30 days after the student is permitted to attend classes, the student may no longer attend classes until proof of the vaccinations is properly submitted.

**C. Eye Examinations**

Parents/guardians are encouraged to have their children undergo an eye examination whenever health examinations are required.

Parents/guardians of students entering kindergarten or an Illinois school for the first time shall present proof before October 15 of the current school year that the student received an eye examination within one year prior to entry of kindergarten or the school. A physician licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches or a licensed optometrist must perform the required eye examination.

If a student fails to present proof by October 15, the school may hold the student's report card until the student present proof: (1) of a completed eye examination, or (2) that an eye examination will take place within 60 days after October 15. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that parents/guardians are notified of this eye examination requirement in compliance with the rules of the Illinois Department of Public Health. Schools shall not exclude a student from attending school due to failure to obtain an eye examination.

**D. Dental Examination**

All children in kindergarten and the second and sixth grades must present proof of having been examined by a licensed dentist before May 15 of the current school year in accordance with rules adopted by the Illinois Department of Public Health.

If a child in the second or sixth grade fails to present proof by May 15, the school may hold the child's report card until the child presents proof: (1) of a completed dental examination, or (2) that a dental examination will take place within 60 days after May 15. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that parents/guardians are notified of this dental examination requirement at least 60 days before May 15 of each school year.

E. Exemptions

In accordance with Public Act 099-0249 and rules adopted by the Illinois Department of Public Health, a student will be exempted from this policy's requirements for:

1. Religious grounds, if the student's parents/guardians present an IDPH Certificate of Religious Exemption form (completed in accordance with the applicable statutory and regulatory requirements) to the Superintendent or designee. When a Certificate of Religious Exemption form is presented, the Superintendent or designee shall immediately inform the parents/guardians of exclusion procedures pursuant to Board Policy 7:280 *Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease* and State rules if there is an outbreak of one or more diseases from which the student is not protected.
2. Health examination or immunization requirements on medical grounds if a physician, advanced registered practice nurse, or physician assistant responsible for the health examination provides written verification,
3. Eye examination requirement if the student's parents/guardians show an undue burden or lack of access to a physician licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches who provides eye examinations or a licensed optometrist; or
4. Dental examination requirement if the student's parents/guardians show an undue burden or a lack of access to a dentist.

Homeless Child

Any homeless child shall be immediately admitted, even if the child or child's parent/guardian is unable to produce immunization and health records normally required for enrollment. School Board policy 6:140, *Education of Homeless Children*, governs the enrollment of homeless children.

LEGAL REF.: McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §11431 et seq.  
105 ILCS 5/27-8.1 and 45/1-20.  
410 ILCS 45/7.1.  
410 ILCS 315/2e.  
23 Ill.Admin.Code § 1.530.  
77 Ill.Admin.Code Part 665.  
77 Ill.Admin.Code Part 690.

CROSS REF.: 6:30 (Organization of Instruction), 6:140 (Education of Homeless Children), 6:170 (Title I Programs), 7:50 (School Admissions and Student Transfer To and From Non-District Schools) 7:280 (Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease)

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