



**SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES
INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS**

The following information pertains to New York State regulations and policies governing School Health Services.

New York State Law Section 2164 requires certain immunizations to enter and attend school. Please check with your health care provider to make sure your child has all the required immunizations.

Grade Level	9th & 10th Grade	11th & 12th Grade
Diphtheria and Tetanus toxoid-containing vaccine and Pertussis vaccine (DTaP/DTP)	3 doses	3 doses
Tetanus and Diphtheria toxoid-containing vaccine and Pertussis vaccine booster (Tdap)	1 dose	1 dose
Polio vaccine (IPV/OPV)	3-4 doses	3 doses
Measles, Mumps and Rubella vaccine (MMR)	2 doses	2 doses
Hepatitis B vaccine	3 doses	3 doses
Varicella (Chickenpox) vaccine	2 doses	1 dose
Meningococcal Conjugate (MenACWY)	1 dose by grade 9 (Most students receive this in 7th grade)	2 doses ** 1 dose must be received at age 16 or older.

HEALTH APPRAISALS

Education Law (Section 903) and Regulations of the Commissioner of Education require physical examinations of children when they:

- Enter a school district for the first time **-(9th grade)**
- Are in grade **11th Grade**
- Participate in interscholastic sports
- Need working papers
- Are referred to the Committee on Special Education
- Require an appraisal deemed necessary by school authorities to determine an appropriate educational program for the individual

Examinations must be completed by a NYS licensed physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner.

The physical appraisal must be dated no more than twelve months prior to the start of the school year in which the examination is required.

DENTAL CERTIFICATES

Amendments to Education Law (Section 903) and Regulations of the Commissioner of Education require school districts to request dental certificates for children when they enter school for the first time and in grade **11**. Dental health certificates must contain a report of a comprehensive dental examination and be signed by a dentist licensed to practice in New York State.

MEDICATION

School personnel are often asked to give medicine to students during school hours. Many medicines can be taken effectively outside school hours. If your doctor feels it is necessary for medication to be administered in school, contact the School Health Office to obtain a "Medication Permission" form. To administer medication to students in school the following steps must be taken for both prescription and over the counter medications.

1. Submit a written order to administer medication in school from your child's physician. The pharmacy label does not constitute a written order and cannot be used in lieu of a written order from a licensed physician. Faxed orders from licensed physicians are acceptable. Verbal permissions from the physician to administer medication are not acceptable.
2. Submit your written request that medication be administered to your child in school as ordered by his/her physician.
3. Deliver your child's medication directly to the Health Office in the original, properly labeled container.

Medications should not be transported daily to and from school. Parents/guardians should ask the pharmacist for two containers, one to remain at home and one at school. Medications must not be transported to school by students on school buses. This presents a danger to all students.

MEDICAL EXCUSE - PHYSICAL EDUCATION

It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to keep the school informed of any health condition that would affect their child's safety, school performance, or toleration of physical activity. If for any reason a child is unable to participate in the physical education program, the parent/guardian must provide appropriate documentation from the attending physician indicating the problem, the specific limitations and the duration of those limitations as soon as possible. Medical excuses from a parent must be followed up with a doctor's note by the next scheduled gym day. If a child is to be excused from the regular physical education program for more than two weeks, the parent/guardian must obtain information from the attending physician regarding the student's ability to participate in an adaptive physical education program.

HEALTH PROBLEMS

It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to inform the school of any contagious diseases or unusual health problems that the child may have. In this way the school can plan for the child's safety and special needs in order to maximize the child's educational experience.

SCREENING

Vision and Hearing screening is provided for students in grade **11**.

BODY MASS INDEX (BMI) SURVEY

Each year, a sample of schools in New York State are required to participate in a Department of Health survey to collect data on BMI and students' weight status category. Only summary information is included in the survey. No names or identifying information about individual students are shared. Parents/Guardians must notify the School Nurse in the school their child attends if they choose to have their child's BMI information excluded from the survey report.

EMERGENCY CONTACT

In the event a child is sick or injured in school, it is essential that the school have telephone numbers where a parent or responsible adult can be contacted. If the emergency contacts should change during the school year, parents/guardians **MUST** notify the school immediately and provide accurate, working phone numbers where a responsible party may be reached.