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

**Required Health Examinations and Immunizations**

A student's parent(s)/guardian(s) shall present proof that the student received a health examination and the immunizations against, and screenings for, preventable communicable diseases, as required by the Illinois Department of Public Health, within one (1) year prior to:

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

As required by the Illinois Department of Public Health, a diabetes screening must be included as a required part of each health examination; diabetes testing is not required. The required 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. Parent(s)/guardian(s) are encouraged to have their children undergo a vision examination whenever health examinations are required.

Unless the student is homeless, failure to comply with the above 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. 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. All new students who are first-time registrants shall have thirty (30) days following registration to comply with the health examination and immunization regulations.

Parent(s)/guardian(s) of children between the ages of six (6) months and six (6) years must provide a statement from a physician that their child was "risk-assessed" or screened for lead poisoning in accordance with State law.

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**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 sixty (60) days after May 15. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that parent(s)/guardian(s) are notified of this dental Examination requirement at least sixty (60) days before May 15 of each school year.

**Eye Examination**

All children enrolling in kindergarten and any student enrolling for the first time in the district shall have an eye examination. Each of these children shall present proof of having been examined by a physician licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches or a licensed optometrist with the previous year.

**Exemptions**

In accordance with rules adopted by the Illinois Department of Public Health, a student will be exempted from:

1. This policy's requirements on religious or medical grounds if the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) present to the Superintendent a signed statement explaining the objection;
2. The health examination or immunization requirements on medical grounds if a physician provides written verification; or
3. The dental examination requirement if the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) 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(s) /guardian(s) is unable to produce immunization and health records normally required for enrollment. 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.