

Darien Public Schools ~ Health Services

Dear Parent/Guardian of students to be enrolled in Darien Public Schools for the upcoming school year:

The Connecticut State Department of Education, Connecticut Department of Public Health and Darien Board of Education have specific health requirements students must adhere to for entry into the Darien Public Schools (DPS). For everyone's safety, new students will not be admitted until a school nurse has reviewed the student's completed physical examination/health assessment and immunization records. Please review the following information to avoid any potential delay in your child starting school:

All new students entering Kindergarten through 12th Grade Must submit a Physical Examination/Health Assessment Record (HAR). This physical examination/health assessment for a school entry must meet the following criteria:

1. Documented on the State of Connecticut Department of Education Health Assessment Record or its equivalent. A copy of this form can be found on the State of Connecticut Department of Education Website:
<http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/lib/sde/PDF/deps/student/health/HAR.pdf>
2. Includes the Mandated Screening/Test under Connecticut State Law C.G.S. Sec 10-206 (denoted by an asterisk (*) on the HAR form.
3. Physical exam/assessment must be performed and signed/stamped by a legally qualified practitioner of medicine, an advanced practice registered nurse or registered nurse, or a physician assistant.
4. If physical examination/health assessment performed outside of the United States only those performed on a U.S. Military base are acceptable. All other physical examinations/health assessments performed outside of the United States are not acceptable for entry into DPS
5. Must include documentation of complete and up-to-date immunization record at the time of entry into the Darien Public School System in accordance with state law CGS 10-204a and the State of CT Department of Public Health Immunization Requirements for Newly Enrolled Students at Connecticut schools prior to school entrance. This information can be found on the State of Connecticut Department of Education website:
<http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/lib/sde/pdf/deps/student/health/schoolimmunizations.pdf>

Transferring from a private school in the U.S. (including CT) or transferring from any public or private school outside of the U.S

Must submit physical examination /health assessment with up-to date immunizations completed within 365 days prior to entry into DPS as well as meet above criteria.

Entering from any U.S. public school (including CT) - Must submit a physical examination/ health assessment meeting above criteria, performed within 365 prior to entry into DPS. Or may submit physical examination/health assessment with up-to date immunizations completed within 365 days prior to when the student entered kindergarten, 7th grade or 9th grade.

Students entering Pre-Kindergarten - must submit completed primary immunizations and physical examination/health assessment upon entry into the Early Learning Program (ELP) and annually thereafter. Examination must have been performed within the year prior to entry and dated no earlier than 365 days prior entry into DPS. The Physical Exam/Health Assessment should be documented on the State of Connecticut Early Childhood Health Assessment Record (or its equivalent.), and must meet above criteria. This form can be found on http://www.sde.ct.gov/sde/lib/sde/PDF/deps/student/health/EC_HAR.pdf

All families are asked to complete emergency information and medical consent via the ASPEN family portal: ASPEN is a secure, web-based school information management system for school districts. The goal of ASPEN registration is to allow parents to complete forms such as emergency contact information, medical consent information and update changes as they occur during the year. To create an account, simply go to <http://www.darienps.org/page.cfm?p=921> and complete the information. Please submit the form then allow at least 2 weeks for processing. You will receive your username/password at your registered home address. If you have any questions or issues with your ASPEN account, please email aspen@darienps.org