



STUDENT HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR

ILLINOIS PHYSICALS ARE MANDATORY FOR KINDERGARTEN AND 6TH GRADE STUDENTS AND FOR STUDENTS MOVING INTO THE DISTRICT FROM OUT OF STATE.

Physicals have to be **current** and **completed within one year** of the start date of school. **Sport physicals** (except for students entering 6th grade) **are required yearly** if children are going to participate in any school affiliated athletic activities. The physical exam portion of the form needs to be filled out completely and include BMI, diabetic screening, height and weight and blood pressure and be signed by a physician. **A parent must fill out the health history section.** If it is not complete it will be returned and considered non-compliant until complete.

IMMUNIZATIONS & REQUIRED EXAMS*	
<u>Kindergarten:</u>	
- Illinois Physical Examination	- Oral Health/Dental Exam
- DTAP – minimum of 4 with the last one after 4th birthday	- Eye/Vision Exam
- IPV/Polio – minimum of 4 with the last one after 4th birthday	
- MMR – 2 with first one to be given after 1st birthday	
- Varicella – 2 doses – 1st one on or after 1st birthday, 2nd dose no less than 4 wks (28 days) after 1st	
<u>Grade 2:</u>	
- Oral Health/Dental Exam	
<u>Grade 5:</u>	
- All Kindergarten immunizations must be current	- Sports Physical (if participating)
<u>Grade 6:</u>	
- Illinois Physical Examination	- Hepatitis B Series (3 injections)
- Tdap Vaccination	- Meningococcal Vaccination
- Varicella – Proof of having 2 doses of vaccine or proof of disease	- Oral Health/Dental Exam
<u>Grade 7 and 8:</u>	
- Sports Physical (if participating)	
<u>Transferring from Out of State:</u>	
- Illinois Physical Examination	- Eye Exam

* All required forms for immunizations and exams can be found on “Parents/Students” link on the district website

DENTAL EXAMINATION:

Students entering **Kindergarten, 2nd and 6th grades** are required to have an oral health examination performed by a licensed dentist.

VISION AND HEARING:

Students in the **Early Childhood Program, Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades** will receive a **hearing screening**. **Children in Early Childhood Program, 2nd and 8th grades** will receive a **vision screening**. Students entering **Kindergarten** and **students entering an Illinois school for the first time** are required by Illinois School Code to **provide proof of an Eye Exam administered by an optometrist or ophthalmologist.**

A parent or guardian that objects to their child’s screening of either vision or hearing due to religious or medical reasons must submit a written statement each year from their physician. A written report (within 12 months of the testing date) must be also submitted by a physician, audiologist and/or optometrist/ophthalmologist in lieu of required screenings. Please see the Gower School District 62 Parent/Student Handbook (available on our District website) for more information about our health room policies concerning illness and exclusion.

“Children at their Best!”



Dear Parent/Guardian:

In compliance with the State of Illinois School Code (105 ILCS 5/27-8.1), Gower School District 62 requires the health requirements for every student as listed in the table on the reverse. **ALL REQUIRED HEALTH INFORMATION MUST BE SUBMITTED PRIOR TO THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.** Any child who does not turn in a complete physical will be considered non-compliant and may be excluded from school until corrections are made.

The following are the changes made to the health requirements made by the Illinois Department of Public Health for the 2016 – 2017 school year:

- Beginning with school year 2016-2017, any child entering **Kindergarten** shall show proof of having received **four or more doses of the Polio** vaccine. The first 3 doses in the series should be no less than 4 weeks apart. The 4th or last dose shall be administered on or after the 4th birthday and at least six months after the previous dose (see Section 665.240 (b)).
- Beginning with school year 2016 – 2017, any child entering **Kindergarten, 6th grade**, or 9th grade for the first time shall show proof of having received **two doses of the Varicella** vaccine, the first dose on or after the 1st birthday and the second dose no less than 4 weeks (28 days) after the first dose, or proof of prior Varicella disease as described in Section 665.250 (g), or laboratory evidence.
- Students entering, advancing or transferring into the **6th grade** are required to have one dose of the **Tdap vaccine** regardless of the past Tdap, DT or Td dose. Any 7th and 8th grade student who has not received the Tdap Vaccine will be required to be immunized before the start of the school year according to Illinois School Code (105 ILCS, 5/27 – 8.1).
- Children entering the **6th grade** shall show proof of having received **three doses of Hepatitis B** vaccine, or other proof of immunity described in Section 665.250 (f). The first two doses shall have been received no less than four weeks (28 days) apart. The interval between the second and third doses shall be at least two months. The interval between the first and third doses shall be at least four months. Proof of prior or current infection, if verified by laboratory evidence, may be substituted for proof of vaccination (see Section 665.250 (f)).
- Students entering the **6th grade** shall show proof of having received one dose of the **Meningococcal** vaccine. The first dose must be given on or after the 10th birthday (see Section 665.250 (j)).
- If a child is considered to be **religiously exempt**, a **Certificate of Religious Objection Form** is needed to be on file in the health office at the school that your child attends. This needs to be updated **yearly**.
- If your child is unable to obtain an appointment with your doctor prior to entering school, a doctor's note stating the appointment date and time is required.