

NEW YORK STATE REQUIREMENTS

PHYSICAL AND DENTAL EXAMINATIONS

- Every child must submit a current (within 1 year) physical examination upon entrance to school.
- **The physical must be submitted no later than October 1st or one month after entrance if not entering in September.**
- **If the forms are not submitted, a physical WILL BE DONE BY THE SCHOOL PHYSICIAN.**
- Physical exams are also mandated in grades 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11 and additionally for sports.
- A note stating the child receives dental care should be submitted the same year as physical exam.

SCREENINGS

- Vision and hearing are required upon entrance to school and each year that physical exams are mandated.
- Scoliosis (spinal exam) is required in grades 5 and 7 for girls and in grade 9 for boys.
- Results from your child's provider are accepted, but if not submitted, the school nurse will perform the screenings.
- You will be notified if follow-up is indicated.

ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT INFORMATION

MEDICATIONS DURING SCHOOL DAY

- Medications may be administered in school **ONLY** under certain circumstances **AND ONLY BY THE SCHOOL NURSE.**
- A written request from the parent and a **written order from the family provider** must be submitted along with the medication in its original container to the school nurse. This practice applies to **BOTH** prescription and non-prescription (over the counter) medications. Please consult the school nurse about this procedure.
- **THERE ARE A FEW EXCEPTIONS.** The nurse will identify those who are eligible.

ILLNESS AND ABSENCES

- Elementary absence for **ANY** reason must be reported to school nurse.
- If your child has a communicable disease, notify the nurse.
- Your child must be taking antibiotics a **FULL 24 HOURS BEFORE RETURNING IF DIAGNOSED WITH:**
 - Strep Throat/Scarlet Fever
 - Skin Infection
 - Conjunctivitis (Does not apply to allergic conjunctivitis)
- Your child **MUST BE FEVER FREE** for 24 hours without medication before returning to school.

RETURN AFTER SURGERY OR AN INJURY

If your child requires **SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS AFTER AN OPERATION OR INJURY**, please notify the school nurse. **PHYSICIAN NOTES ARE OFTEN REQUIRED**, as well as district forms. **THE USE OF CRUTCHES MUST BE ARRANGED BEFORE THE STUDENT RETURNS.**

EMERGENCY NUMBERS: Please keep your emergency numbers up to date. Notify the nurse with any changes.

If you are not able to pick up your child when they are ill, please make arrangements for another adult to be available.