Darien Public Schools

Department of Health Services

School year 2026-2027

Dear Parent/Guardian of Incoming Student Receiving Itinerant Services for the 2026-2027 School Year:

Welcome to the Darien Public Schools! We are pleased to have you and your child join us as a student receiving itinerant services. To help ensure a smooth start, we are sharing important information about the health documentation required before services may begin.

Early Childhood Health Assessment Record or Health Assessment Records
All students receiving itinerant services are required, under Connecticut law (P.A. 94-103, Section 10-206), to have a physical examination prior to the start of services. This examination must be documented on the **State of CT Department of Education Early Childhood Health Assessment Record** (commonly referred to as the "yellow form") or an equivalent form and include an up-to-date immunization record* per State of Connecticut Guidelines. **Please be sure to have Part 1 of the ECHAR (health history) completed and signed by the parent/guardian.** A physical examination performed outside the United States is only accepted if done by a health care provider licensed to practice medicine in the United States.

The Early Childhood Health Assessment Record must be *dated no earlier than 365 days prior to the start date of itinerant services,* and then submitted ANNUALLY THEREAFTER.

Influenza Vaccine
The Connecticut Department of Public Health and state law also require that all children aged 24 months to 4 years who attend preschool receive an annual influenza vaccination. Children under the age of five enrolled in Darien Public Schools must provide documentation of the influenza vaccine administered between August 1 and December 31 of the current school year. Children who have received the influenza vaccine in past years are only required to receive one dose annually. Children who have not previously received the influenza vaccine are required to receive two doses, separated by at least 28 days.
Children who have not received the flu vaccine by December 31st will be excluded from school for the duration of the influenza season (through March 31st) or until they receive at least one dose of the influenza vaccine.

If your child has a life-threatening food allergy, chronic illness, or any other health condition that requires nursing care or medication during the school day, please contact one of the school nurses at Ox Ridge Elementary School / ELP Program as soon as possible. Our nursing staff will guide you through the necessary paperwork and procedures to help ensure a safe and successful start for your child.

Please be aware that your child will not be able to begin itinerant services until a Darien Public School nurse has reviewed the completed health assessment and immunization records and determined that they are in compliance with Connecticut law and Darien Board of Education regulations. If you have any questions, please contact one of the school nurses at Ox Ridge Elementary School / ELP Program.

Sincerely,

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