Darien Public Schools

Department of Health Services

July, 2026

Dear Parent/Guardian of Incoming Earning Learning Program Students for the 2026-2027 School Year:

Welcome to the Darien Public Schools! We are pleased to have you and your child join us in our Early Learning Program. To help ensure a smooth start, we are sharing important information about the health documentation required for your child to be enrolled.

Early Childhood Health Assessment Record: All students enrolling in pre-kindergarten (ELP) must have a physical examination before entering school per Connecticut Law (P.A. 94-103, Section 10-206). The physical examination should be documented on the **State of CT Department of Education Early Childhood Health Assessment Record** (also known as the"yellow form") or its equivalent and include an up-to-date immunization record* per State of Connecticut Guidelines **State of CT Immunization Requirements.** **Please be sure to complete and sign Part 1 (health history).** A physical examination performed outside the United States is only accepted if done by a healthcare provider licensed to practice medicine in the United States.
The Pre-Kindergarten (ELP) Early Childhood Health Assessment record must be dated no earlier than 365 days prior to entry into the ELP and then submitted ANNUALLY THEREAFTER.

Flu Vaccination: The State of Connecticut Department of Public Health and State of Connecticut law mandate that all children 24 months to 4 years who attend preschool must receive an annual flu vaccination. Pre-K Students under the age of five enrolled in the Darien Public Schools must provide documentation of an annual flu vaccination given between August 1, 2026, and December 31, 2026. Students who have received an influenza vaccine in past years are only required to receive one dose of influenza vaccine. Students who have not previously received the influenza vaccine are required to receive 2 doses of influenza vaccine (separated by at least 28 days).

Children who have not received the flu vaccine by December 31st, 2026, must 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 any life-threatening food allergies, chronic illness, or other health challenges requiring nursing care or medication at school, please contact one of the Ox Ridge School Nurses. The nurses can guide you through any paperwork and school procedures necessary to prepare for your child's safe entry into the Darien Public Schools.

Please note that your child will not be admitted into Darien Public Schools until a Darien Public School Nurse has reviewed the new entrant's completed health assessment and immunization records and has determined they are in compliance with Connecticut and Darien Board of Education regulations. Any questions on the above should be directed to the school nurse where your child is attending school, as listed below.

Sincerely,

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