Darien Public Schools

Department of Health Services

Dear Parent/Guardian of Incoming Kindergarten Students for the 2026–2027 School Year,

We are delighted to welcome you and your child to the Darien Public School System! As you prepare for this exciting new chapter, we'd like to share some important information regarding the health documentation required for Kindergarten enrollment.

Health Assessment Record:
Under Connecticut law (P.A. 94-103, Section 10-206), all students entering Kindergarten must have a physical examination before the start of school. This exam should be documented on the **State of CT Department of Education Health Assessment Record form**, also known as the "blue form," or its equivalent. The form must include an up-to-date immunization record per the **State of CT Immunization Requirements**. Note, with respect to the CDC's recent changes in vaccine recommendations, Connecticut's childhood immunization schedule and school requirements remain unchanged and continue to be based on long-standing, evidence-based recommendations consistent with state law and the established standard of care. For additional information, click **DPH Vaccine Guidance January 2026**. **Please be sure to complete and sign Part 1 (Health History) of the HAR.** Physicals completed outside the United States will only be accepted if performed by a healthcare provider licensed to practice medicine in the U.S.

The physical examination must be dated on or after **August 26, 2025,** which is 365 days before the first day of the 2026–2027 school year. If your child's physical has not been completed at the time of online registration, you may indicate this by selecting "N" and submitting the form at a later date. This will allow your child to be pre-registered; however, final enrollment will remain pending until the completed HAR-3 form is submitted directly to your school nurse for review. We kindly ask that outdated or incomplete forms not be uploaded during the registration process.
Please note: Your child will not be permitted to begin school until a Darien Public School nurse has reviewed the completed health assessment and immunization records and confirmed that they meet all state and local health requirements.

Tuberculosis (TB) Screening:
It is recommended that your child's healthcare provider assess their risk of exposure to tuberculosis. If your child is determined to be at high risk, a TB skin test will be required as part of the health examination. In addition, any student entering Connecticut schools for the first time from a country with a high burden of tuberculosis must receive a TB skin test. For a current list of these countries, please visit: Stop TB Partnership

Health Conditions and Medication Needs:
If your child has any life-threatening allergies, a chronic illness, or any other medical condition requiring nursing support or medication during the school day, please reach out to the school nurse at your child's assigned school as soon as possible. Our school nurses are here to assist you with the necessary paperwork and help ensure a safe and smooth start to your child's school experience.

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the nurse at your child's school using the information provided below. We look forward to partnering with you for a healthy and successful start to your child's educational journey.
Sincerely,

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