

September 2, 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back!

As we gear up for a healthy and safe school year, we want to remind you of the mandatory New York State health requirements. In accordance with New York State Public Health Law Section 2164, **all students must be fully and age-appropriately vaccinated** to attend or remain in public, private, or religious schools.

Please submit your child/children's vaccination records **within 14 days of the first day of school**. For students transferring from out-of-state or another country, this deadline is extended to 30 days.

If your child has a medical reason that prevents them from receiving a specific vaccine, you must submit an official NYSDOH Medical Exemption Statement Form completed and signed by a licensed physician. These exemptions must be **renewed and resubmitted annually** within the first 14 days of the first day of school as well.

New York State **does not accept non-medical, religious, or philosophical exemptions** for school entry.

New York State also **requires a physical exam for all new school entrants, students in grades Pre-K or K, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11**, and annually for interscholastic sports and working papers. A licensed physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant must perform the exam.

All documents can be submitted electronically to kohara@haldaneschool.org or handed in to the health office. If you have submitted these forms, please disregard this notice.

Thank you for your prompt cooperation in keeping our students healthy, safe, and ready to learn. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us in the health office directly at (845)265-9254 x125

Kindly,
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