

Students

Health and Dental Examinations, Immunizations, and Exclusion of Students

A student's parent(s)/guardian(s) shall present proof that the student was examined by a licensed physician and received the immunizations against, and screenings for, preventable communicable diseases, as required by the Department of Public Health rules one year prior to:

1. Entering kindergarten or the first grade;
2. Entering the fifth and ninth grades; and
3. Enrolling in an Illinois school, regardless of the student's grade (including nursery school, special education, headstart programs operated by elementary or secondary schools, and students transferring into Illinois from out-of-state or out-of-country).

Proof of immunization against meningococcal disease is required before grades 6, 7, or 8.

As required by Illinois Department of Public Health, a diabetes screening must be included as a required part of each health examination; diabetes testing is not required. The required health examinations must be performed by a physician licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches, and advanced practice nurse who has a written collaborative agreement with a collaborating physician authorizing the advanced practice nurse to perform health examinations, or a physician assistant who has been delegated the performance of health examinations by a supervising physician.

Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, age appropriate developmental screening and an age appropriate social and emotional screening are required parts of each health examination. A student will not be excluded from school due to his or her parent/guardian's failure to obtain a developmental screening or a social and emotional screening.

Parent(s)/guardian(s) are encouraged to have their child undergo a dental examination whenever health examinations are required.

Unless the student is homeless, failure to comply with the above requirements by October 15 of the current school year will result in the student's exclusion from school until the required health forms are presented to the District. If a medical reason prevents a student from receiving a required immunization by October 15, the student must present, by October 15, an immunization schedule and a statement of the medical reasons causing the delay. The schedule and statement of medical reasons must be signed by the physician, registered nurse, or local health department responsible for administering the immunizations. All new students who are first-time registrants shall have 30 days following registration to comply with the health examination and immunization regulations.

Parent(s)/guardian(s) of children between the ages of 6 months and 6 years must provide a statement from a physician that their child was "risk-assessed" or screened for lead poisoning in accordance with State law.

The IDPH will provide all students entering sixth grade and their parent(s)/guardian(s) information about the link between human papilloma-virus (HPV) and HPV-related cancers and the availability of the HPV vaccine.

The District will provide informational materials regarding influenza, influenza vaccinations, meningococcal disease, and meningococcal vaccinations developed, provided, or approved by the IDPH when it provides information on immunizations, infectious diseases, medications, or other school health issues to students' parents.

Dental Examinations

All children in kindergarten and the second and sixth grades must present proof of having been examined by a licensed dentist before May 15 of the current school year in accordance with rules adopted by the Illinois Department of Public Health.

If a child in the second or sixth grade fails to present proof by May 15, the school may hold the child's report card until the child presents proof: (1) of a completed dental examination, or (2) that a dental examination will take place within 60 days after May 15. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that parents/guardians are notified of this dental examination requirement at least 60 days before May 15 of each school year.

Eye Examinations

Parents/guardians are encouraged to have their children undergo an eye examination whenever health examinations are required.

Parents/guardians of students entering kindergarten or an Illinois school for the first time shall present proof before October 15 of the current year that the student received an eye examination within one year prior to entry of kindergarten or the school. A physician licensed to practice medicine in all of its branched or a licensed optometrist must perform the required eye examination.

If a student fails to present proof by October 15, the school may hold the student's report card until the student presents proof of:

- 1) A completed eye examination, or
- 2) That an eye examination will take place within 60 days after October 15. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that parents/guardians are notified of this eye examination requirement in compliance with the rules of IDPH. Schools shall not exclude a student from attending school due to failure to obtain an eye examination.

Exemptions

In accordance with rules adopted by the Illinois department of Public Health, a student will be exempted from this policy's requirements for:

1. Religious grounds if the student's parents/guardians present to the Superintendent or designee the IDPH's Certificate of Religious Exemption Form. When the IDPH Certificate of Religious Exemption form is presented, the Superintendent or designee shall immediately inform the parents/guardians of exclusion procedures pursuant to Board Policy 7:280 *Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease* and State rules if there is an outbreak of one or more diseases from which the student is not protected.

2. The health examination or immunization requirements on medical grounds if the examining physician, advanced registered practice nurse, or physician assistant provides written verification.
3. Eye examination requirement, if the student's parents/guardians show an undue burden or lack of access to a physician licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches who provides eye examinations or a licensed optometrist.
4. The dental examination requirement if the student's parents/guardians show an undue burden or lack of access to a dentist.

Homeless Child

Any homeless child shall be immediately admitted, even if the child or child's parent/guardian is unable to produce immunization and health records normally required for enrollment. Board policy 6:140, *Education of Homeless Children*, governs the enrollment of homeless children.

LEGAL REF 105 ILCS 5/27-8.1.
 410 ILCS 45/7.1.
 77 Ill. Admin. Code part 665.
 42 U.S.C. §11431 et seq., McKinney Homeless Assistance Act

CROSS REF 6:140 (Education of Homeless Children), 6:180 (Extended Instructional Programs)

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