



PARK RIDGE-NILES SCHOOL DISTRICT 64

Spring, 2019

Dear Kindergarten Parent/Guardian,

Welcome to School District 64. Incoming kindergarten students are required to meet certain health requirements, and must submit written documentation as proof. The following required forms are available at www.d64.org, under *Departments> Health Services*. Completed forms should be returned to your child's school health office.

•Illinois Department of Public Health *Certificate of Child Health Examination*

According to state legislation, all children entering kindergarten must present documentation of a **current physical examination** conducted by a physician licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches, an advanced practice nurse, or a physician assistant, conducted within one year preceding the first day of school. The **parent/guardian portion** on the reverse side of the form must be completed and signed in order to meet the state requirement. All required **immunizations** must be documented on, or attached to this form. A healthcare provider's note of medical explanation must be provided for any missing immunizations, or for those not administered at appropriate intervals. School districts are required to submit notes regarding immunity to the Illinois Department of Public Health for review and recommendation. **Lead screening** is a required component of the health examination for children six years and under. The healthcare provider must use the **Lead Risk Questionnaire** to determine whether your child needs a blood test for lead. The Questionnaire does *not* need to be returned to school; however, it is mandatory that the questions in the Lead section of the Examination Form are answered.

*Illinois law now mandates that any child entering **kindergarten**, sixth grade, or ninth grade for the first time shall show proof of having received two doses of **varicella (chickenpox) vaccine**, the first dose on or after the first birthday, and the second dose no less than four weeks after the first dose, or proof of prior varicella disease. In addition, children entering school at any grade level must show proof of having received two doses of **live mumps vaccine** and two doses of **live rubella vaccine**.

In order to facilitate processing of forms, the *preferred* deadline for submitting this document is July 31, 2019. ***Students not in compliance with this regulation by Tuesday, October 15, 2019, will be excluded from attendance beginning Wednesday, October 16, 2019. Note: Students who register less than 30 days prior to the start of the new school year, or students who register after the school year has begun, have 30 days to comply with this requirement.***

•Illinois Department of Public Health *Proof of School Dental Examination Form*

State law also mandates that students entering kindergarten have a **dental examination** performed by a licensed dentist. Proof of the examination must be presented by May 15, 2020 and must have been completed within 18 months prior to this date.

•State of Illinois *Eye Examination Report*

Students entering kindergarten must also undergo a **complete vision examination** performed by a physician or licensed optometrist. A Snellen chart vision check completed in a pediatrician's office does *not* meet the requirement for a "complete eye examination."

The completed report must be submitted by October 15, 2019. Failure to present proof by this date requires written proof of an appointment for a scheduled eye examination within the next 60 days following October 15th.

•District 64 List of Local Medical Resources

This is for your information only, and does not need to be returned.

For prompt review and approval of your child's health records, please deliver or mail them to your child's school health office as soon as possible. It is recommended that you keep a copy of your child's physical examination forms for your own records. We look forward to meeting your kindergarten student in August!

Sincerely,
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