



PARK RIDGE-NILES SCHOOL DISTRICT 64

Dear Parent/Guardian of a New Student to District 64:

Welcome to School District 64. Students new to the district 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, students **new to the district**, enrolling in any grade level, 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's assistant. The completed examination must be documented *on this form only*. (Out of state physicals will be reviewed for compliance with State of Illinois requirements.) The **parent/guardian portion** on the reverse side of the form *must* be completed and signed, and required **immunizations** should be documented on this form, or attached to it. *A physician'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 of immunity to the Illinois Department of Public Health for review and recommendation.) The **diabetic screening** portion must be completed by the health care provider at the time of the examination.

***Please note and share with your child's healthcare provider:**

*Recent state legislation requires that children entering **kindergarten, sixth grade, or ninth grade** for the first time must show proof of having received 2 prior doses of **varicella (chickenpox) vaccine**. In addition, children entering school at any grade level must show proof of having received **two doses each of mumps and rubella vaccine**. (The latter requirement will likely only affect students who received vaccines outside the country.*

***Sixth Grade only:** in addition to the above requirements, any child entering sixth grade must show proof of receiving one dose of **Tdap (defined as tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis) vaccine** regardless of the interval since the last DTaP, DT or Td dose. The child must also show proof of having received 3 doses of **hepatitis B vaccine** and one dose of **meningococcal conjugate vaccine** on or after the 11th birthday.*

Deadlines for submitting the Child Health Examination form:

- Students registering to enroll through September 15 --- by October 15,
- Students registering to enroll after September 15--- within 30 days following registration.
- Students entering an Illinois school for the first time (out of state or country) who are lacking written documentation of adequate immunizations must, at the time of enrollment, provide the school with written proof of an appointment to receive the required immunizations within 30 days.

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

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

•State of Illinois *Eye Examination Report*

Any child *entering the Illinois school system for the first time, regardless of grade level*, is required to have a complete vision examination, performed by a physician or licensed optometrist. Please note that a Snellen chart vision check completed in a pediatrician's office does *not* meet the requirement for "complete eye examination."

Presentation of a completed report must be submitted by **October 15th or within 8 weeks of enrollment**. Failure to present a report by this date requires written proof of an appointment for a scheduled eye examination within the next 60 days following the deadline.

•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 of enrollment as soon as possible. It is recommended that you keep a copy of your child's physical examination forms for your own records. Thank you for your immediate attention in cooperating with these requirements. For any questions, please call your school health assistant.

Sincerely,
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