

2023-2024 Student Health Requirements

Dear Parents:

To comply with Illinois State guidelines, a physical examination – including current immunization records – is required for all children entering an Illinois school for the first time, for children enrolling in kindergarten (even if they previously were enrolled in a District 96 Early Childhood program), and for students entering Grade 6.

This exam must have been conducted within one year prior to school entry and be recorded on the State of Illinois form. (An out-of-state/country record must be on a comparable form.) This exam and age-appropriate immunizations and request for immunization waivers are required before the first day of attendance in order to avoid exclusion. Therefore, we request that the records and waiver requests be presented to the school before August 1, 2023, so that staff may review them for compliance.

In addition, all students entering or transferring into Grade 6 or 7 or 8 will be required to show proof of receipt of one dose of Tdap vaccine (containing tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis) and one MCV4 (meningococcal vaccine). Please provide the school with verifying documentation that can be obtained from your child's health care provider.

Note that District parents/guardians whose children have not fulfilled the physical examination/ immunization requirements and request for immunization waivers before school begins in August will not receive their child's teacher assignment and other pertinent information.

A dental examination is required for students in Kindergarten, 2nd, and 6th grades. This examination must have been completed between Nov. 15, 2022, and May 15, 2024.

In addition, state guidelines mandates an eye examination, by an ophthalmologist or optometrist, for Kindergarten students and for ALL children (K-12) enrolling in an Illinois school for the first time.

Required forms are available from your doctor's office and also at the District website (www.kcsd96.org/student-services/student-health).

For low-cost medical help, please contact the Lake County Health Department at 847-377-8470.

We urge all families to schedule your appointments with your physicians and dentists promptly so there will be no delays for your children in complying with the law.

Sincerely,

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