



February 20, 2020

Dear Parents or Guardian:

As required by the Illinois Health and Physical Education Law, a current health examination and proof of immunizations is required for all students entering **Kindergarten and 6th Grade** (dated within 1 year of the first day of attendance for the current school year.) **If your child is new to Pennoyer, but has previously attended school in Illinois, the health examination record must be obtained from the previous school and provided to Pennoyer on or before October 15, 2020 for the upcoming 2020/2021 school year.**

If your child is new to Pennoyer and previously attended school outside of Illinois, an eye examination by an optometrist or a physician who provides complete eye examinations AND a current health examination must be completed by an Illinois physician, No later than October 15, 2020, for the upcoming 2020/2021 school year.

An eye examination is *required* by the State of Illinois for **all Kindergarten students and must be turned** in to Pennoyer Health Office, *on or before* **October 15, 2020**. A dental examination is *required* by the State of Illinois for all students in **kindergarten, 2nd, and 6th grade** and must be turned in *on or before* **May 15, 2021**.

All students must comply with the rules and regulations for immunizing school children pursuant to the School Code and must present evidence of immunity against:

- **Combined Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) - 2 doses with the first dose at 12 months of age or older.**
- **Polio- 4 doses, with the LAST DOSE AT 4 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER.**
- **Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis- 5 doses with the LAST DOSE AT 4 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER.** The state of Illinois has mandated that all 6th, 7th and 8th grade students show proof of having received 1 dose of Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis) regardless of the interval since the last DTaP, DT or Td dose.
- **6th Grade – Meningitis, 1 dose required**
- **Lead Screening- All children ages 6 or under are to present evidence of Lead Screening, however, your child will not be denied entrance to school if noncompliant.**
- **Hepatitis B- All 3 shots must be completed upon entrance to 6th Grade.**
- **Varicella (chicken pox) – 2 doses with the first dose at 12 months of age or older.**



If for any reason immunization cannot be brought up to date prior to the October 15th date, a note of intent must be signed by the physician that your child has begun or will begin the necessary immunization procedures.

For an easy to read, more detailed list of requirements by grade, please visit our website at the following URL <https://www.pennoyerschool.org/parentsstudents/medical-forms>

Your child must be excluded from school if the above requirements are not met.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Sincerely,

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