Students

Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students

Required Health Examinations and Immunizations

A student's parent(s)/guardian(s) shall present proof that the student received a health examination-and, with proof of the immunizations against, and screenings for, preventable communicable diseases, as required by the Illinois Department of Public Health, within one year prior to:

- <u>1.</u><u>1.</u>Entering kindergarten or the first grade;
- <u>2.</u> <u>2.</u> Entering the sixth and ninth grades; and
- <u>3.</u> <u>-</u>Enrolling in an Illinois school, regardless of the <u>student's student's</u> grade (including nursery school, special education, <u>head-startHead Start</u> 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 from students in grades 6 and 12, beginning with the 2015-2016 school year.

As required by State law:

- 1. The required health<u>Health</u> examinations must be performed by a physician licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches, an 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.
- 2. A diabetes screening must be included as a required part of each health examination; diabetes testing is not required.
- 3. Before admission and in conjunction with required physical examinations, parents/–guardians 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.
- 4. The Department of Public Health will provide all female students entering sixth grade and their parents/guardians information about the link between human papilloma virus (HPV) and cervical cancer and the availability of the HPV vaccine.

Unless an exemption or extension applies, the failure to comply with the above requirements by October 15 of the current school year will result in the student'sstudent's exclusion from school until the required health forms are presented to the District.- New students who register after October 15 of the current school year shall have 30 days following registration to comply with the health examination and immunization—regulations. 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, advanced practice nurse, physician assistant, or local health department responsible for administering the immunizations.

A student transferring from out-of-state <u>mustwho does not</u> have the required <u>proof of</u> immunizations in order to-by October 15 may attend classes and present a physicalonly if he or evidence of she has proof that an appointment for a physical the required vaccinations is scheduled with a party authorized to submit proof of the <u>required vaccinations. If the required proof of vaccination is not submitted</u> within 30 days after the student is permitted to attend classes., the student may no longer attend classes until proof of the vaccinations is properly <u>submitted</u>.

Eye Examination

Parents/guardians are encouraged to have their children undergo andan 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 school year that the student received an eye examination within one year prior to entry of kindergarten or the school. <u>AA physician licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches or a</u> licensed optometristor ophthalmologist must perform the required eye examination.

If a student fails to present proof by October 15, the student may not attend school may hold the student's report <u>card</u> until the student presents proof:- (1) of 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 the Department of Public Health. <u>Schools shall not exclude a student from attending school due to failure to obtain an eye examination</u>.

Dental Examination

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 <u>school</u> 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.

Exemptions

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

- 1. Religious <u>or medical</u> grounds if the <u>student's parent(s)/guardian(s)student's parents/guardians</u> present to the <u>Building PrincipalSuperintendent</u> a signed statement explaining the objection for each immunization from which the family wishes to be exempt;
- 2. Health examination or <u>immunizationsimmunization</u> requirements on medical grounds if a physician provides written verification;
- 3. Eye examination requirement if the student's parents/guardians show an undue burden or lack of access to an optometrist or ophthalmologista physician licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches who provides eye examinations or a licensed optometrist; or
- 4. Dental examination requirement if the student's parents/guardians show an undue burden or a lack of access to a dentist. A student waiver form must be signed by the parent.

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. <u>School</u> Board policy 6:140, *Education of Homeless Children*, governs the enrollment of homeless children.

LEGAL REF.: <u>Mc KinneyMcKinney</u> Homeless Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §11431 <u>et seq</u>. — 105 ILCS 5/27-8.1 and 45/1-20. 410 ILCS 45/7.1 and 315/2e. 23 Ill.Admin.Code §1.530. 77 Ill.Admin.Code Part 665.

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CROSS REF.: 6:30 (Organization of Instruction), 6:140 (Education of Homeless Children), 6:180 (Extended Instructional Programs), 7:50 (School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools)

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