

## Students

### Health 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 the immunizations against, and screenings for, preventable communicable diseases, as required by the Illinois Department of Public Health, within one year prior to:

1. Entering the ninth grade; and
2. Enrolling in an Illinois school, regardless of the student's grade (including nursery school, special education, head start programs operated by elementary or secondary schools, and students transferring into Illinois from out-of-state or out-of-country).

As required by the Illinois Department of Public Health, a diabetes screening must be included as a required part of each health examination; diabetes testing is not required. The required health 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.

Parents/guardians are encouraged to have their children undergo a vision examination whenever health examinations are required.

Unless the student is homeless, failure to comply with the above requirements by the first day of the current school year will result in the student's exclusion from school until the required health forms are presented to the District. If a medical reason prevents a student from receiving a required immunization by the first day of school, the student must present, by the first day of school, 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. All new students who are first-time registrants shall have 30 days following registration to comply with the health examination and immunization regulations.

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 in accordance with State law.

#### Exemptions

In accordance with rules adopted by the Illinois Department of Public Health, a student will be exempted from:

1. This policy's requirements on religious or medical grounds if the student's parents/guardians present to the Superintendent a signed statement explaining the objection,
2. The health examination or immunization requirements on medical grounds if a physician provides written verification, or
3. The dental examination requirement if the student's parents/guardians show an undue burden or a lack of access to a dentist.

#### 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. Board policy 6:140, Education of Homeless Children, governs the enrollment of homeless children.

LEGAL REF.: McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §1143 et.seq.  
105 ILCS 5/27-8.1  
410 ILCS 45/7.1.  
77 Ill.Admin.Code Part 665.

CROSS REF.: 6:140 (Education of Homeless Children)

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