

Students

Health and Dental Examinations, Immunizations, and Exclusion of Students

A student's parent(s)/guardian(s) shall present proof that the student was examined by a licensed physician and received the immunizations against, and screenings for, preventable communicable diseases, as required by the Department of Public Health rules one year prior to:

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

As required by 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, and 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.

Parent(s)/guardian(s) are encouraged to have their child undergo a dental examination whenever health examinations are required.

Unless the student is homeless, failure to comply with the above requirements by October 15 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 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, registered nurse, 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.

Parent(s)/guardian(s) 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.

Dental Examinations

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 school 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:

1. This policy's requirements of 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 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 105 ILCS 5/27-8.1.
 410 ILCS 45/7.1.
 77 Ill. Admin. Code part 665.
 McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. & 11431 et seq.

CROSS REF 6:140 (Education of Homeless Children), 6:180 (Extended Instructional Programs)

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