

## **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 to the district of residence 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 (IDPH), within one year prior to:

1. Entering kindergarten or the first grade;
2. Entering the sixth and ninth grades; and
3. 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).

Proof of immunization against meningococcal disease is required from students in grades 6 and 12.

As required by State law:

1. Health examinations must be performed by a physician licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches, an advanced practice registered nurse, 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. An age-appropriate developmental screening and an age-appropriate social and emotional screening are required parts of each health examination. A student will not be excluded from school due to his or her parent/guardian's failure to obtain a developmental screening or a social and emotional screening.
4. Before admission and in conjunction with required physical examinations, parent(s)/guardian(s) of children between the ages of one and seven years must provide a statement from a physician that their child was "risk-assessed" or screened for lead poisoning.
5. The IDPH will provide all students entering sixth grade and their parent(s)/guardian(s) information about the link between human papilloma virus (HPV) and cervical cancer and the availability of the HPV vaccine.
6. SASED will provide informational materials regarding influenza, influenza vaccinations, meningococcal disease, and meningococcal vaccinations developed, provided, or approved by the IDPH when it provides information on immunizations, infectious diseases, medications, or other school health issues to students' parent(s)/guardian(s).

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's exclusion from school until the required health forms are presented to the district of residence and to the appropriate SASED administrator. New students who register after October 15 of the current school year shall have 30

days following registration in their district of residence 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 registered nurse, physician assistant, or local health department responsible for administering the immunizations.

A student transferring from out-of-state who does not have the required proof of immunizations by October 15 may attend classes only if he or she has proof that an appointment for the required vaccinations is scheduled with a party authorized to submit proof of the required vaccinations. If the required proof of vaccination is not submitted 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 submitted.

### Eye Examination

Parent(s)/guardian(s) are encouraged to have their children undergo an eye examination whenever health examinations are required.

Parent(s)/guardian(s) 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. A physician licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches or a licensed optometrist must perform the required eye examination.

If a student fails to present proof to his/her district of residence by October 15, SASED may hold the student's report card 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 from the district of residence shall ensure that parent(s)/guardian(s) are notified of this eye examination requirement in compliance with the rules of the Department of Public Health. SASED shall not exclude a student from attending school due to failure to obtain an eye examination.

### Dental Examination

All children in kindergarten and the second, sixth and ninth grades must present proof to the district of residence 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, sixth or ninth grade fails to present proof to the district of residence by May 15, SASED 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 Executive Director or designee shall ensure that parent(s)/guardian(s) 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 requirements for:

1. Religious grounds if the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) present the IDPH's Certificate of Religious Exemption form to the Executive Director or designee. When a Certificate of Religious Exemption form is presented, the Executive Director or designee shall immediately inform the parent(s)/guardian(s) of exclusion procedures pursuant to Board policy 7:280, *Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease* and State rules if there is an outbreak of one or more diseases from which the student is not protected.
2. Health examination or immunization requirements on medical grounds if the examining physician, advanced ~~registered~~ practice registered nurse or physician's assistant provides written verification;
3. Eye examination requirement if the student's parent(s)/guardian(s) show an undue burden or lack of access to a 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 parent(s)/guardian(s) show an undue burden or a lack of access to a dentist.

The documentation noted above must first be presented to the administration of the district of residence.

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.: 42 U.S.C. §11431 et seq. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act,  
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.  
77 Ill.Admin.Code Part 695.

CROSS REF.: 6:30 (Organization of Instruction), 6:140 (Education of Homeless Children),  
7:50 (School Admissions/Eligibility for Services)

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