

## Pennsylvania School Immunization & Examination Requirements

### FOR ATTENDANCE IN ALL GRADES CHILDREN NEED THE FOLLOWING IMMUNIZATIONS:

- 4 doses of tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis\* (1 dose on or after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday)
  - 4 doses of polio (4<sup>th</sup> dose on or after 4<sup>th</sup> birthday and at least 6 months after previous dose given)\*\*
  - 2 doses of measles, mumps, rubella\*\*\* (1<sup>st</sup> dose on or after the 1<sup>st</sup> birthday)
  - 3 doses of hepatitis B
  - 2 doses of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine or evidence of immunity (1<sup>st</sup> dose on or after the 1<sup>st</sup> birthday)
- \*Usually given as DTP or DTaP or if medically advisable, DT or Td  
 \*\*A fourth dose is not necessary if the third dose was administered at age 4 years or older and at least 6 months after the previous dose  
 \*\*\*Usually given as MMR

### ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL, unless the child has a medical or religious/philosophical exemption, a child must have at least one dose of the above vaccinations or risk exclusion.

- If a child does not have all the doses listed above, needs additional doses, and the next dose is medically appropriate, the child must receive that dose within the first five days of school or risk exclusion. If the next dose is not the final dose of the series, the child must also provide a medical plan within the first five days of school for obtaining the required immunizations or risk exclusion.
- If a child does not have all the doses listed above, needs additional doses, and the next dose is not medically appropriate, the child must provide a medical plan within the first five days of school for obtaining the required immunizations or risk exclusion.
- The medical plan must be followed or risk exclusion.

**Pennsylvania Mandated School Health Services**

Service	K or 1st	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Medical Examination*	X					X					X	
Dental Examination*	X		X				X					
Growth Screen	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Vision Screen	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Hearing Screen	X	X	X				X				X	
Scoliosis						X	X					

Children **ENTERING SCHOOL** (at Kindergarten or 1<sup>st</sup> Grade) need the following examinations:

#### Physical examination and Dental examination

Examinations are acceptable if done no sooner than **one year** prior to the beginning of the school term your child will be entering.

\*It is recommended that your child's doctor and dentist perform the required examinations since they can provide the appropriate treatment and follow-up. School examinations will be offered, but are **screenings** only and should not replace regular examinations by your child's doctor and dentist.

The school nurses do the growth, vision, hearing, and scoliosis screenings throughout the school year.

#### Additional Thoughts:

Kindergarten children often are in need of a change of clothing during the school day due to spills or not getting to the bathroom on time. Please consider sending in an extra shirt, underpants, and pants to school in a bag marked with your child's name that can be kept in the Health Room for only your child's use. Children are more comfortable changing into their own clothing. We do not want to interrupt your busy day at home or work unnecessarily.

**Please work with your child over the summer months to attain independence in the bathroom.**