

To: Parents of Students Entering Kindergarten
Re: Kindergarten Entry Requirements
From: Geneseo School Nurses

The State of Illinois School Code has established medical requirements for students entering kindergarten. Listed below are the mandated requirements that need to be completed **prior to the start of school in August.**

Physicals are available from your family care provider, the Henry County Health Department or Urgent Care centers. Please call early to make your appointment. Not all facilities provide all of the immunizations so be aware that immunizations are required and may need to be received at a separate location depending on where you obtain your child's physical.

Mandated requirements by the State of Illinois:

1. **School physical** with the student's up-to-date immunizations, medical health history completed and signed by a parent. The physical exam must be signed and dated by the physician and be within one year prior to the start of school.
2. **Dental Exam** – The State of Illinois requires all students entering kindergarten for the first time to have a dental exam.
3. **Immunizations:** Required immunizations for entry to kindergarten
 - a. **DTP/DTaP** **4 or more doses with the last dose given on or after the 4th birthday**
 - b. **Polio** **4 or more doses of the same type of polio vaccine (IVP or OVP) with the booster dose given after the 4th birthday**
 - c. **MMR** **2 doses – 1st dose after 1st birthday; 2nd dose no less than 4 weeks later**
 - d. **Varicella** **2 doses – 1st dose after 1st birthday; 2nd dose no less than 4 weeks later**
 - e. **Religious Objection:** Beginning October 16, 2015 any parent that is requesting religious exemption from immunizations and/or health examinations **MUST** present to the school nurse a **Certificate of Religious Exemption** form completed and signed by their physician by the first day of school.
 - f. For more information regarding immunizations please go to
http://www.isbe.net/pdf/school_health/immunization-requirements.pdf.
4. **Lead Screening** is required for your child one time prior to entering kindergarten.
 - a. A doctor or nurse must sign the Lead Risk Assessment Questionnaire.
5. **Vision Exam** – The State of Illinois required all students entering kindergarten for the first time to have a vision exam, given by a licensed professional specializing in eye care. (Ophthalmologist or Optometrist)

All required forms are available on the District website, <https://geneseoschools.org/health-information/>. Please have them completed and signed by the appropriate physician. Again, all requirements are to be completed prior to the first day of school to prevent your child's exclusion from school.

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