

SCHOOL ENTRANCE REGULATIONS

Any child whose fifth birthday is on or before September 1st of the current school year may enter kindergarten. Exception: any student who moves into the district and is currently enrolled in kindergarten in another state whose fifth birthday will occur during the current school year.

Any child whose sixth birthday is on or before September 1 of the current school year may enter first grade. Exception: any child who has attended a public or private kindergarten for a full school year and whose sixth birthday will occur during the current school year may enter first grade.

Parents are required to sign a permission form to secure academic and health records from the previously attended school(s). The parent has the final responsibility for these records.

BIRTH CERTIFICATE

The parent must present a certified copy of a certified birth certificate (from the court house, not a hospital birth certificate) to a school official to verify the birth date on the school records. This applies to all students new to the district, ECE, and kindergarten children. Parents will have 10 school days to comply with this School Code regulation or it will be turned over to law enforcement.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

Section 27.8 of The Illinois School Code requires a physical examination by a licensed physician. These examinations are required before entering school, ECE, kindergarten, and all students entering the District from another State or country. If an examination cannot be attained prior to the start of the school year, the student will not be allowed to attend.

Students who enroll after the beginning of the school year will be given 30 days from date of enrollment to secure physical examination.

Examination forms must include a complete record of immunizations to meet state requirements. These examination forms may be obtained from the school.

Students new to the State will also receive a speech screening assessment. This assessment helps to identify students who might need services from the speech/language pathologist.

IMMUNIZATION, HEALTH, EYE AND DENTAL EXAMINATIONS

All students are required to present appropriate proof that the student received a health examination and the immunizations against, and screenings for, preventable communicable diseases within one year prior to:

1. Entering ECE or Kindergarten;
2. Entering the sixth and ninth grades; and
3. Enrolling in an Illinois school for the first time, regardless of the student's grade.

The required health examinations must include a diabetes screening (diabetes testing is not required) and a statement from a physician assuring "risk-assessed" or screened for lead poisoning.

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 school, subject to certain exceptions. New students who register mid-term shall have 30 days following registration to comply with the health examination and immunization regulations.

EYE EXAMINATION

All students entering Kindergarten, or the District for the first time, must present proof before the first day of school that an eye examination has been performed within one year prior to entry of Kindergarten or the school. Failure to present proof by the first day of school allows the school to hold the student's report card until the student presents: (1) a completed eye examination, or (2) that an eye examination will take place within 60 days after the first day of school.

DENTAL EXAMINATION

All children entering 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. Failure to present proof allows the school to hold the child's report card until the student presents: (1) a completed dental examination, or (2) that a dental examination will take place within 60 days after May 15.

EXEMPTIONS

A student will be exempt from the above requirements for:

1. Religious or medical grounds if the student's parent/guardian presents to the building principal a signed statement explaining the objection;
2. Health examination or immunization requirements on medical grounds if a physician provides written verification;
3. Eye examination requirement if the student's parent/guardian shows 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/guardian shows an undue burden or a lack of access to a dentist.