

June 1, 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians,

New York State passed new revisions to laws pertaining to School Health Services beginning July 1, 2018.

Physical examinations will now be required for new entrants and students in Grades Pre-K or Kindergarten, 1, 3,5,7,9, and 11. It will also be required annually for interscholastic sports; working papers; as required by the committee on Special Education (CSE) or Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE). The New York State Education Department is also requiring physicals to be completed on an approved NYS School Health Examination Form by a licensed NYS physician, Nurse Practitioner, or Physician Assistant. Forms are available in the Health Office for your convenience. A copy of the physical is due to the health office 30 days from the start of the school year. If your child has an appointment for an exam during the school year that is after the first 30 days of school, please notify the health office.

A dental certificate which states your child has been seen by a dentist or dental hygienist will also be requested the same years their physicals are required.

Screenings that will be done at school if not completed on the physical exam include vision, hearing and scoliosis. The grades for these screenings have also changed.

- Vision Screening for color perception, distance, and near vision acuity will be required for new entrants within 6 months of admission to school. Distance and near vision acuity will be required in grades Pre-K or K, 1, 3, 5, 7, and 11.
- Hearing screening utilizing pure tone testing will be required for new entrants within 6 months of admission to school and in grades Pre-K or K, 1, 3, 5, 7, and 11.
- Scoliosis screening will be required in grades 5 and 7 for girls and grade 9 for boys.

Sincerely,

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