

Dear Parent:

A child's health is extremely important in making the school year successful. In accordance with Connecticut Law, children attending Public, Private or Parochial schools must have a physical examination prior to Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, grades six (6) and ten (10), and for all students new to the Stamford School System. **The physical examination must be current within twelve (12) months of school entrance. It shall include: health history, hematocrit/hemoglobin test, lead testing (Kindergarten), height, weight, blood pressure, vision, hearing, and postural screening.**

**All immunizations must be correctly documented and include month, day and year.**

**NO CHILD WILL BE ADMITTED TO SCHOOL WITHOUT PROPER IMMUNIZATIONS**

1. **DTP/DtaP and Polio**: All students must show proof of at least four (4) doses of DTP/DtaP Vaccine and three (3) doses of Polio Vaccine with at least one (1) dose given on or after the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) birthday. [Pre-K minimum three (3) doses of DTP/DtaP and Polio Vaccine.]
2. **MMR**: Minimum two (2) doses of Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) prior to Kindergarten entry (effective as of school entry 2000). First MMR vaccination must be administered on or after the first birthday. Any dose given even one day before the 1<sup>st</sup> birthday is invalid and must be repeated or a blood test must be done to confirm immunity. All students entering seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) grade must show proof of two (2) doses of MMR.
3. **HIB**: All students below the age of five (5) at school entry must show proof of receiving one (1) dose of (HIB) on or after the first birthday.
4. **HEPATITIS B (HBV)**: Proof of three (3) doses of Vaccine (or confirmed blood test) for students born January 1, 1994 or later.  
*\*Effective August 2000 all students entering seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) grade must show proof of at least one (1) dose of HBV; series to be completed by entry into eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) grade 2001.*
5. **TUBERCULOSIS SCREEN (PPD/(PURIFIED PROTEIN DERIVATIVE))**: Foreign born or American children who have traveled to high risk countries, must show evidence of a negative TB test upon return to the U.S., prior to school entry.
6. **VARICELLA**: Students born January 1, 1997 or later must have one (1) dose of Varicella Vaccine. Students entering seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) grade in August 2000 must have one (1) dose of the vaccine (two (2) doses of vaccine required if over the age of thirteen (13)). A statement signed and dated by your physician confirming a history of the disease, or a certified laboratory test is acceptable in lieu of the vaccine. First dose must be given on or after the child's first birthday. Any dose given even one day before the (1<sup>st</sup>) birthday is invalid and must be repeated or a blood test must be done to confirm immunity.

Enclosed are forms, which must be filled out by you and your physician and returned to your child's school nurse as soon as possible. Your own family physician is most familiar with your child's health history and can best carry out this examination and interpret the findings to you.

If you have any questions about the required immunization and physical examination, please call the School Nurse at your child's school.

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