

Health Assessments and Immunizations

Each student must have the health assessment documented on the standard State of Connecticut School Physical form completed by the student's parent(s) or guardian(s) and the student's physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner. The health assessment includes tests, assessments and screenings required by the Connecticut State Department of Public Health. Students entering the district from another state or school must provide a health assessment including immunizations that meet Connecticut health assessment and immunization requirements. It is preferred they complete our state form but they may submit another state form that meets the requirements of our state form.

Health assessments are required to be completed one year prior to school entry in pre-k and kindergarten. Those students entering (grade 7 and 11) must submit a health assessment completed within one year prior to entry into those grades. **Failure to supply the required health assessment and immunizations will prevent the student from entering pre-k, kindergarten, or advancing to the next grade.**

Prior to entering the district from another country a student must submit a current health assessment with required immunizations that meet Connecticut requirements. The school medical advisor may require a tuberculosis test as part of the physical examination for students who meet risk criteria as determined by state guidelines.

The physical exams will be carried out by a physician, physician assistant, or a nurse practitioner. If the student's family cannot afford an exam by a private physician, the student's family may request a physical exam from the school physician. In order to determine eligibility, all requests for physical examinations by the school physician are to be made to the principal of the student's school. If approved, the principal will notify the office of the Assistant Superintendent for Personnel who, in turn, will notify the school physician of the student's eligibility.

IMMUNIZATIONS: A complete health assessment including immunization record must be presented before a student enters any District school. Before a physical exam form can be considered complete and the terms of the policy met the student's immunizations must be up-to-date according to state regulations. Current immunization requirements can be obtained from:

1. the school nurse;
2. the State of CT Department of Public Health website – www.ct.gov/dph
click on "Topics A –Z"
click on "Immunization Program"
click on "Public Information" image
3. the Wallingford Public School's website – www.wallingford.k12.ct.us
click on "District Departments"
click on "Wellness"
click on "Health Services"

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EXEMPTIONS: Under one or more of the following circumstances, a child may be exempted from a required immunization:

1. A physician or local agency certifies that initial immunizations have been given to the child and additional immunizations are in process under guidelines and schedules specified by the commissioner of health services.
2. The parents or guardians complete the district exemption form (available from the school nurse) in which they declare that such vaccination would be medically contraindicated and attached to the form a statement from a physician attesting that such immunization would not be prudent due to a specific physical condition of the child.
3. Effective July 1, 2015 parents or guardians may provide a statement that required immunizations violate religious beliefs. The parents or guardians must complete the state religious exemption form. The statement must be acknowledged by a judge, family support magistrate, court clerk or deputy clerk, a town clerk, notary public, justice of the peace, a CT attorney, or a school nurse. This statement must be provided both before the student is enrolled in school and before being permitted entry to seventh grade.
4. Under certain circumstance, proof of immunity based on specific blood testing or disease confirmation by a physician is acceptable in lieu of immunization.

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