

## HEALTH RELATED ISSUES

### HEALTH CARE

Brimfield C.U.S.D. #309 is extremely fortunate to have a Registered Nurse to serve the medical needs of our students. In society today, and in our schools, we have many children that require on-going medical attention. In order for these services to be done in an efficient manner, it requires effective communication between the school, home, and physician. Throughout the year, it may be necessary for our Nurse to set/alter procedures and deadlines. If this is the case, we will need the cooperation of all parties involved to maintain a safe and functional service.

### EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Please complete the emergency card for your children. This information will be used to contact parents or guardians in the case of an emergency. Please notify the office of any change in the information contained on the emergency card throughout the school year. (i.e. phone numbers, employers, doctors, etc.) No child will be sent home from school without approval from a parent or guardian. The parent or guardian must be home to meet and stay with the child.

### **Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students**

#### REQUIRED HEALTH EXAMINATIONS AND IMMUNIZATIONS

A student's parent(s)/guardian(s) shall present proof that the student received a health examination and the immunizations against, and screenings for, preventable communicable diseases, as required by the Illinois Department of Public Health, within one year prior to:

1. Entering kindergarten or the first grade;
2. Entering the sixth and ninth grades; and
3. Enrolling in an Illinois school, regardless of the student's grade (including nursery school, special education, headstart programs operated by elementary or secondary schools, and students transferring into Illinois from out-of-state or out-of-country).

As required by State law:

1. The required health examinations must be performed by a physician licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches, an advanced practice nurse who has a written collaborative agreement with a collaborating physician authorizing the advanced practice nurse to perform health examinations, or a physician assistant who has been delegated the performance of health examinations by a supervising physician.
2. A diabetes screening must be included as a required part of each health examination; diabetes testing is not required.
3. Before admission and in conjunction with required physical examinations, parents/guardians of children between the ages of 6 months and 6 years must provide a statement from a physician that their child was "risk-assessed" or screened for lead poisoning.
4. The Department of Public Health will provide all female students entering sixth grade and their parents/guardians information about the link between human papilloma virus (HPV) and cervical cancer and the availability of the HPV vaccine.

Unless the student is homeless, failure to comply with the above requirements by October 15 of the current school year will result in the student's exclusion from school until the required health forms are presented to the District. New students who are first-time registrants shall have 30 days following registration to comply with the health examination and immunization regulations. If a medical reason prevents a student from receiving a required immunization by October 15, the student must present, by October 15, an immunization schedule and a statement of the medical reasons causing the delay. The schedule and statement of medical reasons must be signed by the physician, advanced practice nurse, physician assistant, or local health department responsible for administering the immunizations.

## EYE EXAMINATION

Parents/guardians are encouraged to have their children undergo an eye examination whenever health examinations are required.

Parents/guardians of students entering kindergarten or an Illinois school for the first time shall present proof before October 15 of the current school year that the student received an eye examination within one year prior to entry of kindergarten or the school. A licensed optometrist or an ophthalmologist must perform the required eye examination. All vision exams must be on a state issued Vision Examination form. If a student fails to present proof by October 15, the school may hold the student's report card until the student presents proof: (1) of a completed eye examination, or (2) that an eye examination will take place within 60 days after October 15. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that parents/guardians are notified of this eye examination requirement in compliance with the rules of the Department of Public Health. Schools shall not exclude a student from attending school due to failure to obtain an eye examination.

## DENTAL EXAMINATION

All children in 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 in accordance with rules adopted by the Illinois Department of Public Health. All dental exams must be on a state issued Dental Examination Form.

If a child in the second or sixth grade fails to present proof by May 15, the school may hold the child's report card until the child presents proof: (1) of a completed dental examination, or (2) that a dental examination will take place within 60 days after May 15. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that parents/guardians are notified of this dental examination requirement at least 60 days before May 15 of each school year.

## EXEMPTIONS

In accordance with rules adopted by the Illinois Department of Public Health, a student will be exempted from this policy's requirements for:

1. Parents or guardians who object, for religious reasons, to immunizations or health examinations for their child must provide a Certificate of Religious Exemption that is signed by a physician licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches. Illinois State Law does not allow for exemptions based on personal or philosophical reasons. The superintendent has the authority to determine whether the information supplied constitutes a valid religious objection.
2. Health examination or immunization requirements on medical grounds if a physician provides written verification;
3. Eye examination requirement if the student's parents/guardians show an undue burden or lack of access to a licensed optometrist or ophthalmologist. A signed vision examination waiver form must be filled out and kept on file at the school.
4. Dental examination requirement if the student's parents/guardians show an undue burden or a lack of access to a dentist. A signed dental examination waiver form must be filled out and kept on file at the school.

## HOMELESS CHILD

Any homeless child shall be immediately admitted, even if the child or child's parent/guardian is unable to produce immunization and health records normally required for enrollment. School Board policy 6:140, *Education of Homeless Children*, governs the enrollment of homeless children.

LEGAL REF.: McKinney Homeless Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §11431 et seq.  
 105 ILCS 5/27-8.1.  
 410 ILCS 45/7.1 and 315/2e.  
 77 Ill.Admin.Code Part 665.

CROSS REF.: 6:30 (Organization of Instruction), 6:140 (Education of Homeless Children), 6:180 (Extended Instructional Programs), 7:50 (School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools)

Preschool	Kindergarten
<input type="checkbox"/> a physical exam	<input type="checkbox"/> a eye exam
<input type="checkbox"/> a dental exam	<input type="checkbox"/> a physical exam
<input type="checkbox"/> DPaT shots	<input type="checkbox"/> a dental exam
<input type="checkbox"/> Polio shots	<input type="checkbox"/> DTaP booster
<input type="checkbox"/> HIB shot	<input type="checkbox"/> Polio booster
<input type="checkbox"/> MMR shot	<input type="checkbox"/> MMR shot
<input type="checkbox"/> Hepatitis B shots	<input type="checkbox"/> Varicella or proof of having Chicken Pox
<input type="checkbox"/> Varicella or proof of having Chicken Pox	<input type="checkbox"/> Lead Screening/Test
<input type="checkbox"/> Lead Screening/Test	<input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes Screening
<input type="checkbox"/> TB Screening	<b>6th and 9th Grade</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes Screening	
Proof of Age appropriate Pnemococcal vaccination	<input type="checkbox"/> Hepatitis B shots
	<input type="checkbox"/> a physical exam
	<input type="checkbox"/> 9th grade only: TD shot
	<input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes Screening
	<input type="checkbox"/> Tdap proof of one dose
<b>2nd Grade</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> a dental exam	
	<b>6th and 12th Grade</b>
	Proof of Meningococcal Meningitis Vaccine
	6th – 1 dose 12th – 2 doses

**MEDICATION**

We will not give medication to children without parent permission. The school will furnish no medication, including Tylenol. If it is determined by a doctor that it is necessary for a child to take medication during school hours:

1. Written orders must be provided to the school from the doctor giving the name of the medication, the dosage, and the time(s) to be taken.
2. If liquid medicine is used, a pre-measured container would be helpful.
3. The child gives himself/herself the medicine (cont.)
4. Medication must be brought to school in a container appropriately labeled by the druggist or pharmacy. (include the student's name on the container)
5. Any OTC (over the counter) medication that is to be kept at school must be accompanied with an OTC authorization form signed by the parent or guardian and all medications must be in the original container with the student's name on the container. All medications will be kept in the nurse's office or in the secretary's office unless other arrangements have been made with the school nurse.

If a child is on medication and a parent wishes to come to school to administer the medication, they may do so. This is usually done during the child's regularly scheduled lunch period.

**SELF-ADMINISTRATION OF ASTHMA MEDICATION AND EPINEPHRINE AUTO INJECTORS**

Brimfield Grade School will permit the self-administration of asthma inhaler medications for pupils with asthma provided that the parents or guardians provide to the school a written authorization for the self-