

IMPORTANT MEDICAL RECORDS STATEMENT PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

All students entering **kindergarten** or **sixth grade**, and **transfer students** must have a physical exam form completed and **ready to turn in at JUMP-START DAY, AUGUST 2018 (SPECIFIC DATE TBD)**.

Immunizations: State law requires that all students entering school be immunized against polio, diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (Tdap), measles, mumps, rubella, Hepatitis B (for 6th grade), and varicella (chicken pox). Also, a meningococcal conjugate vaccination (MCV4) requirement recently went into effect for students entering sixth grade. **Sixth-graders must show proof of one dose of MCV4.** Proof of immunity is verified by documented evidence by a health care provider of the student having received the vaccine or of having had the disease. **State law requires that students who do not meet these requirements be excluded from school.**

Religious Exemptions: For families who have a religious objection to examination or immunization, Illinois law has recently changed. According to Public Act 099-0249, families with such objections must submit a completed Certificate of Religious Exemption for each student. The certificate must also be signed by the child's health care provider responsible for performing the child's examination for entry into kindergarten and sixth grade. This signature affirms that the provider educated the parent or legal guardian about the benefits of immunization and the health risks to the student and to the community from the communicable diseases for which immunization is required in Illinois.

The religious objection provided need not be directed by the tenets of an established religious organization. However, general philosophical or moral reluctance to allow physical examinations, eye examinations, immunizations, vision and hearing screening or dental examinations will not provide a sufficient basis for an exception to statutory requirements. The local school authority is responsible for determining if the content of the Certificate of Religious Exemption constitutes a valid religious objection.

The local school authority shall inform the parent or legal guardian of exclusion procedures in accordance with IDHP's rules, Control of Communicable Diseases Code (77 Ill. Adm. Code 690) at the time the objection is presented.

Please be aware that students who have not been immunized will be excluded from school for a period of time, determined by the state, if they have been exposed to some of these diseases.

Key Points:

* All **kindergarten, sixth grade** and **transfer students** shall have their physical exam completed and turned in at Jump-Start Day. **Please fill out the "History" section** on the top of the second page prior to coming.

* **To be in compliance with state law, students who do not have proper immunizations or forms completed prior to the first day of school, will not be allowed to begin school until the form is completed.**

Thank You,
Mr. Jon Vugteveen
Administrator