

HARVARD CUSD #50 IS A FIRST DAY EXCLUSION DISTRICT. STUDENTS NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH PHYSICAL OR IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS CANNOT ATTEND SCHOOL UNTIL REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION HAS BEEN SUBMITTED AND THEY HAVE BEEN CLEARED BY THE HEALTH OFFICE STAFF. THE INFORMATION BELOW IS CURRENT AS OF THE DATE INDICATED, BUT THE STATE OF ILLINOIS CAN ENACT NEW REQUIREMENTS AT ANY TIME.

- ❖ Illinois state law requires a complete physical examination on file for all students entering Kindergarten, 6th grade, and 9th grades. Mid-year transfer students must submit proof of physical and immunization requirements prior to starting school. A vision examination is required for all students new to Illinois school regardless of age.
- ❖ Immunizations must be given in proper sequence and spacing. Those mandates are comprehensive, change often and are not listed here. In the event that your child received immunizations that were improperly spaced, booster(s) may be required.
- ❖ The school physical form has an area for the parent to fill in the **student's health history**. This portion is to be completed by the parent per STATE LAW. Please indicate all diseases or medical history in this area, sign and date.

PRE-SCHOOL

- **Completed physical examination** (upon entry and every 2 years of pre-school and must be dated within one year prior to entry)
- 4 DPT , 1 MMR, **4 IPV/OPV**, 3 HEPATITIS, 3-4 HIB, Varicella and Pneumococcal Immunizations
- Lead Screening Assessment (part of physical that doctor should complete)

KINDERGARTEN

- **Completed physical examination** (must be completed within one year prior to entry in to the grade)
- Eye Examination Report, exam within 1 year prior to beginning Kindergarten. Due by October 15th
- Dental Examination form due by May 15th
- 4 DPT , 2 MMR, 4 OPV/IPV, 2 Varicella Immunizations
- Lead Screening Assessment (part of physical)

GRADE 1

- All prior physical and immunizations requirements must be met.

GRADE 2

- Dental Examination form due by May 15th
- All prior physical and immunizations requirements must be met.

GRADES 3, 4, 5

- All prior physical and immunizations requirements must be met.

GRADE 6

- **New physical examination** (must be completed within one year prior to entry to the grade)
- Dental Examination form due by May 15th
- Current Tdap booster immunization – (began 2013-14)
- All prior physical and immunizations requirements must be met.
- Hepatitis B Series (a series of three immunizations given at appropriate intervals)
- 2 Varicella immunizations (with first dose given on or after 1st birthday) OR doctor-verified evidence of disease with date (began 2014-2015)
- **1 dose MCV4 meningitis vaccine** (began 2015-16)

GRADE 7, 8

- A current Tdap immunization (done for 6th grade) – (began 2013–14)
- Proof of receiving one dose of Tdap vaccine. All prior immunizations must be met, including hepatitis B & meningitis

GRADE 9

- **New physical examination** (must be completed within one year prior to entry to the grade)
- Proof of receiving one dose of Tdap vaccine. All prior immunizations must be met, including hepatitis B & meningitis

GRADE 10-11

- Proof of receiving one dose of Tdap vaccine. All prior immunizations must be met, including hepatitis B & meningitis

GRADE 12

- Proof of receiving one dose of Tdap vaccine. All prior immunizations must be met, including hepatitis B & meningitis, **2 doses MCV4 meningitis vaccine**, (began 2015–16) (1 dose if first dose after age 16)

RELIGIOUS EXEMPTIONS

The school code has a new requirement for religious exemptions. Parents with specific religious requirements against vaccinations or examinations will be required to have their physician complete the ILLINOIS CERTIFICATE OF RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION TO REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS AND/OR EXAMINATIONS form prior to the first day of school, or they will be excluded. It is important to note that in the event of an outbreak of a vaccine-preventable illness (such as pertussis) students who are not fully immunized will be excluded from school for a specific length of time as determined by the public health department. This could be weeks or more, if new cases continue to be discovered.

SPORTS PHYSICALS

All students are required to have a CURRENT sports physical on file at school BEFORE they can try out or participate in any interscholastic sports. The physical must *remain* “current” during the entire season of the sport; it must be completed within 395 days prior to the participation dates.

Interscholastic sports participants must submit the “IHSA Pre-Participation Examination” **form completed by the physician and the parents**. An “Illinois Certificate of Child Health” may also be used if the health care provider clearly indicates in the appropriate section that the student is cleared for participation in interscholastic sports. *If you are entering 6th grade or are in 8th grade, you may want to have the Illinois Certificate of Child Health form filled out by the physician (not just a sports physical) so it will count for your physical requirement for 6th or 9th grades.*

MEDICATION

Students are NOT ALLOWED to transport medication, whether walking or on the bus. A responsible adult must transport medication to and from school. **Controlled substances** are to be counted with the nurse or other qualified staff member (for example, Adderall and Ritalin). Other medications may be counted as well, at the nurse’s discretion. **A doctor’s order IS REQUIRED for ALL MEDICATION, including over-the-counter type drugs like Tylenol.** Written parent permission is also required. Medication must be in the pharmacy labeled container.

CONTAGIOUS ILLNESSES

Certain illnesses require **exclusion** from school until we receive a doctor’s note that the student is free to return to class (e.g. conjunctivitis). While this may be inconvenient, it is mandated by the public health department. It is important to remember that sick children should be kept home and the school office should be notified. This includes, *but is not limited to*, fevers over 100.0, vomiting, diarrhea, pinkeye, severe colds and other potentially contagious illness. Our school procedures state that you should not send your child to school if he/she has a fever over 100°. Students are to remain home until fever-free for 24 hours without using medication to keep the fever down (Tylenol, etc.). A child with a temp in the morning may be very contagious, and their temperature and discomfort may increase through-out the day.

Thank you in advance for working with us to keep our schools healthy!