



Mercer County School District #404

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Student Health Requirements

Physical Examination Information:

- All students entering Preschool, Kindergarten, 6th grade, and 9th grade, or are enrolling for the first time in an Illinois public school are required to have a current physical examination completed on the Illinois [Certificate of Health Examination form](#).
- Required by **the first day of school**. Please complete and sign the parent/guardian section on the top of the first page and complete one question on the back page indicating family history of Diabetes yes or no.
- A sports physical does *not* meet the requirement for the grade specific school physical. However, a grade specific school physical *does* meet the requirement for a sports physical and is valid for 13 months from the date of the exam.
- A physical exam will be accepted if it was completed within 12 months prior to the first day of the current school year.

Immunization Requirement Information:

- Required for all students **the first day of school**; must be up-to-date with the State of Illinois immunization requirements.
- [Illinois Certificate of Religious Exemption to Required Immunizations form](#)

Dental Examination Requirement

- Required prior to **May 15th** of the current school year for all students entering Kindergarten, 2nd grade, 6th grade, and 9th grade
- A dental exam will be accepted if it was completed within the 18 months leading up to May 15th of the required school year.

Eye Examination Requirement

- Required **the first day of school** for students entering Kindergarten or first-time enrollment in an Illinois public school.
- An eye examination exam will be accepted if it was completed within 12 months prior to the first day of the current school year. Eye Examination must be performed by a licensed optometrist.

Physical Examination and Immunization Requirements by Grade

Preschool	Complete Preschool Physical Examination and all required immunizations including: → Three doses of DTaP/DTP Vaccine by 1 year of age and one additional booster dose by 2nd birthday. → Two doses of Polio Vaccine by 1 year of age and one additional dose by 2nd birthday. → One dose of MMR Vaccine → One dose of Varicella Vaccine → Hib Vaccine series → Pneumococcal Vaccine series → Three doses of HepB Vaccine Complete lead screening - required one time prior to entering kindergarten for students six years or younger. Please ensure this is documented on their physical examination form.
Kindergarten	Complete Kindergarten Physical Examination and all required immunizations including: → Two doses of MMR Vaccine → Four doses of Polio Vaccine → Four doses of DPT/DPTaP Vaccine → Two doses of Varicella Vaccine (chicken pox) Complete Kindergarten Dental Examination - Must be turned in prior to May 15 of the current school year. Complete Kindergarten Vision Examination - Must be turned in by the first day of school. Complete lead screening - required one time prior to entering kindergarten for students six years or younger. Please ensure this is documented on their physical examination form.
1st Grade	No additional physical/immunization requirements if up-to-date.
2nd Grade	No additional physical/immunization requirements if up-to-date. Complete 2nd grade Dental Examination - Must be turned in prior to May 15th of the current school year.
3rd Grade	No additional physical/immunization requirements if up-to-date.
4th Grade	No additional physical/immunization requirements if up-to-date.

5th Grade	No additional physical/immunization requirements if up-to-date.
6th Grade	Complete 6th grade Physical Examination and all required immunizations including: → One dose of Tdap Vaccine → One dose of Meningococcal Vaccine (Meningitis) after the 11th birthday ⇒ If your student turns eleven after August 1st, you must submit proof of an upcoming scheduled appointment → Two doses of Varicella Vaccine (chicken pox) → Three doses of Hepatitis B at the required intervals Complete 6th grade Dental Examination - Must be turned in prior to May 15th of the current school year.
7th Grade	No additional physical/immunization requirements if up-to-date.
8th Grade	No additional physical/immunization requirements if up-to-date.
9th Grade	Complete 9th grade Physical Examination and immunization requirements. Complete 9th grade Dental Examination - must be turned in prior to May 15th of the current school year.
10th Grade	No additional physical/immunization requirements if up-to-date.
11th Grade	No additional physical/immunization requirements if up-to-date.
12th Grade	Must show proof of receiving two doses of Meningococcal vaccine (Meningitis) with the second dose received on or after the 16th birthday. If the first dose was given after the age of 16, then only one dose is required.

Specific Health Forms: If applicable, the following forms need to be completed and signed by your provider prior to the start of each school year. Your provider's form will also be accepted as long as it includes all required information.

- [Medication Authorization request forms](#)
- [Medical Authority Modified Meal Request Form](#)
- [Allergy Action Plan](#)
- [Asthma Action Plan](#)
- [Diabetes Medical plan](#)
- [Seizure Action Plan](#)

Please call or email your school nurse with any questions or concerns. Thank you for your cooperation.