

## **Physical Examinations and Immunization Requirements**

Parents of students entering pre-school, kindergarten, sixth and ninth grades (or school for the first time) are reminded that student physical examinations and up-to-date immunizations should be completed prior to school registration. Additionally, all middle school and high school students wishing to compete on any interscholastic athletic team are required to have an up-to-date physical exam on file.

Students entering Illinois schools from out-of-state must have up-to-date immunization records. A physical examination is necessary if none comparable to Illinois requirements has been completed within one year prior to the date of entering an Illinois school. Lead screening is a part of the physical for pre-school and kindergarten students.

Records of students transferring from other school districts within Illinois must also be checked for immunization compliance. An additional physical examination is not required for grade levels other than Pre-K, kindergarten, sixth, and ninth (or entering school for the first time) if compliance requirements have been met in that district.

Physical examinations must have been completed within one year to the date of entering school for Pre-K, kindergarten, sixth, and ninth grades (or entering school for the first time) by a physician licensed to practice medicine in all its branches. Immunizations are required for protection against diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus (or diphtheria-tetanus above age six), polio, measles, mumps, rubella, and Hepatitis B. Haemophilus Influenzae (Hib) vaccine is also required for Pre-K students. Students must meet minimum compliance requirements. The medical history portion must be completed and signed by a parent or legal guardian.

In order to comply with new Illinois law, Pre-K, thru sixth grade students must show proof of varicella (chickenpox) vaccination or provide proof of having had the disease itself.

The Richland County Public Health Office is located at 501 S. Whittle in Olney, IL, phone number 618-392-6241. Please feel free to call and set up an appointment for your child if needed. A parent or legal guardian must accompany the child for the immunization. The child's shot record is also needed in order for your child to receive an immunization

**Waivers based on religious objects must be filed in each principal's office.**

We look forward to having your child here in the East Richland School District No. 1. If you have questions or need assistance in meeting these requirements, please call your child's school nurse.

Thank You!