

Dear Incoming Parents/Guardians,

All students entering the school district must be up to date on health records. Below is a list of the incoming records that need to be provided before your child can enter. All students new to the district, need to provide an up-to-date immunization record **OR** Certificate of Immunization Exemption form before their first day, this includes medical or religious.

- **Incoming Preschoolers:**
  - Please provide an up-to-date immunization record OR Certificate of Immunization exemption form and physical form for the school year.
- **Incoming Kindergarteners:**
  - **Vaccinations due!** Please provide up-to-date immunization records. If you reside in Minnesota, I do not have access to Minnesota's registry, so you will need to contact your child's pediatrician to receive them, unless the student has a Certificate of Immunization Exemption.
  - The State of Iowa also requires that you have a vision and dental screening done for your child. This can be done at any dentist or doctor. Please have the sheets filled out and returned to me before the school year begins.
- **Incoming 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders:**
  - The state of Iowa requires that your child have a vision screening done. This can be done by a doctor or eye specialist. Please have the sheets filled out and returned before the school year begins.
- **Incoming 7<sup>th</sup> Graders:**
  - **Vaccinations due!** The Iowa Department of Public Health made changes to the Iowa Immunization law in 2017 and is now requiring all students entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade to have both a Meningococcal vaccine and a Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis/whooping cough) booster before school starts this fall. All students entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade must have proof of having both the Meningococcal and the Tdap vaccines before school starts in August, unless the student has a Certificate of Immunization Exemption. There will be no grace/extension period for the implementation of this requirement. IF you get these immunizations done in Minnesota, please send a copy to me, as I do not have access to the Minnesota Immunization Registry. I will get them put into the Iowa Immunization Registry.
- **Incoming 9<sup>th</sup> Graders:**
  - Effective July 1, 2008, all children enrolling in an Iowa elementary or high school are required to have a dental screening. These screenings are required when a child enters Kindergarten, and again in 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Paperwork for the dental screening can be found on the school website or in the high school office.
- **Incoming Seniors:**
  - **Vaccinations due!** The Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) made changes to the Iowa Immunization law in 2017 that now requires all students entering 12<sup>th</sup> grade to have the second Meningococcal vaccine before school starts in the fall. Now is a great time for your child to receive this immunization booster requirement and beat the back-to-school rush by making an appointment for your incoming 12<sup>th</sup> grader. IF you get these immunizations done in Minnesota, please

send a copy to me, as I do not have access to the Minnesota Immunization Registry, unless the student has a Certificate of Immunization Exemption.

- **All Secondary School Students:**

- If any student plans on participating in sports, a physical form will be required to participate.

**Immunization Requirements:**

Iowa Code, Chapter 139a.8(6) and Iowa Administrative Code, 641-7.7(139) outline immunization requirements for students attending licensed child care centers and elementary or secondary schools: [Iowa Immunization Requirements Chart](#).

To attend school or licensed child care, the child needs to present a valid Certificate of Immunization, Provisional Certificate of Immunization, or Certificate of Immunization Exemption (Medical or Religious) at registration.

**The following are the required Immunizations that your child needs before entering school:**

- **Dtap-** Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus
- **Polio**
- **MMR-** Measles/ Rubella
- **Varicella-** Chickenpox, unless student has a reliable history of natural disease.
- **Hepatitis B**
- **Tdap Booster-** Students entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade need a Tdap booster vaccine.
- **Meningococcal-** Students entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade need one dose of the Meningococcal vaccine. Students entering 12<sup>th</sup> grade need the second dose of the vaccine.
- **Provisional Certificate of Immunization:** Issued when the applicant has received at least one dose of each of the required vaccines but has not completed all required immunizations or is a transfer student from another U.S. school system.
- **Certificate of Immunization Exemption-Medical:** Iowa law allows for medical exemption to immunization when required immunizations would be injurious to the health and wellbeing of the applicant or any member of the applicant's family or household or required vaccine would violate minimum interval spacing.
- **Certificate of Immunization Exemption- Religious:** Iowa law allows for religious exemption to immunization when immunizations conflict with a genuine and sincere religious belief, and is not based merely on philosophical, scientific, moral, personal or medical opposition to immunizations.

<https://hhs.iowa.gov/data/health/immunization/school-child-care-audits>