

**MERIDIAN COMMUNITY UNIT 223
STATE HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS**

Dear Parents:

The Illinois School Code requires that all pupils entering the grades below must have completed the following before being admitted to school:

PRE-K HEALTH NEEDS:

1. Proof of required physical exam.
2. DTP/DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis) vaccine- 4 doses required.
3. Polio vaccine- 3 doses required.
4. MMR vaccine (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)- 1 dose required.
5. Varicella vaccine (Chickenpox) – 1 dose required- or proof of the disease.
6. Hepatitis B vaccine- 3 doses required.
7. Hib vaccine (Haemophilus influenza type b)- refer to schedule- minimum of 1 dose required.
8. Pneumococcal vaccine- refer to schedule- minimum of 1 dose required.

KINDERGARTEN HEALTH NEEDS:

1. Proof of required physical exam.
2. DTP/DTaP & Polio vaccines- 4 or more doses of each required.
3. MMR vaccine (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)- 2 doses required.
4. Varicella vaccine (Chickenpox) – 2 doses required- or proof of the disease.
5. Proof of dental exam (or waiver) prior to May 15th of the school year.
6. Proof of a vision exam (or waiver) prior to October 15 of the school year.

2ND GRADE HEALTH NEEDS:

1. Proof of dental exam (or waiver) prior to May 15th of the school year.

6TH GRADE HEALTH NEEDS:

1. Proof of required physical exam (not a sports physical). *This DOES fulfill the sports physical requirement for 6th grade as long as the physician checks the appropriate box approving interscholastic sports.*
2. **Meningitis vaccine- 1 dose required.**
3. Hepatitis B vaccine series completed.
4. Tetanus (Tdap) booster.
5. Varicella vaccine (Chickenpox) – 2 doses - or proof of the disease.
6. Proof of dental examination (or waiver) prior to May 15th of the school year.

9TH GRADE HEALTH NEEDS:

1. Proof of required physical exam (not a sports physical). *This DOES fulfill the sports physical requirement for 9th grade as long as the physician checks the appropriate box approving interscholastic sports.*
2. Required immunizations current.

12TH GRADE HEALTH NEEDS:

1. **Meningitis vaccine- 2 doses required- unless 1st dose was given on or after child's 16th birthday.**

Please note: physical exams must be completed in their entirety by a qualified medical professional on the State of Illinois Certificate of Child Health Exam form. If the above immunizations have not been completed at the time of the physical exam, a written schedule from your physician to complete the required doses must be presented with the physical exam.

I urge you to make your medical, dental and vision exam appointments now to avoid difficulty obtaining an appointment later this summer. **According to the Illinois School Code, students are subject to exclusion from school on and after October 15th if the physical examination and immunization requirements have not been completed and returned to the school.**

Sincerely,

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Superintendent

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