

NURSE NEWS

Each year the requirements for immunizations may change, so please make sure to check the Immunization Information tab to see the latest updated information.

Dental Examinations:

The State of Illinois requires that all students in kindergarten, second, sixth and ninth grades have an oral health examination performed by a licensed dentist.

Following your child's exam, the dentist should complete the dental examination form required by the state of Illinois. Complete documentation should be returned to the school office no later than **May 15**. *Translation: for school year 2021-22, a valid dental exam would fall between Nov. 15, 2020, and May 15, 2022.* The exam must have been performed any time within an 18-month period prior to this due date.

Vision Examinations:

All students entering Kindergarten or entering an Illinois school for the first time must have an eye exam before **Oct. 15** of the year of the required exam, or within 30 days of enrollment for new students from out-of-state. The exam must have been performed any time within a 12-month period prior to this due date. *This means that the eye exam needs to have taken place between August 2020 and October 2021.* A licensed optometrist or medical doctor who performs eye exams (such as an ophthalmologist) must perform the exam. (Note that this eye exam requirement is separate from the annual vision screenings provided in all public, charter, and private schools in Illinois, from preschool through second grade and again in eighth grade.)

Physical Exam

A physical exam is required for students entering kindergarten, Grade 6, and Grade 9. A sports physical will not be accepted to meet this requirement. However, the physical exam does meet the requirement for a sports exam.