ILLINOIS PHYSICAL AND IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

ILLINOIS LAW REQUIRES that all students entering an early child-hood program, kindergarten, sixth or ninth grades, or transferring from out of state have a physical examination within one calendar year **PRIOR** to the date of entry. The examination must be reported on the Illinois DHS-Certificate of Child Health Examination form & include a complete immunization record and medical history. Students transferring from another Illinois school must present copies of their current Illinois school health records.

Section 27-8.1 of the Illinois School Code states: "If a child does not comply …… then the **LOCAL SCHOOL AUTHORITY SHALL EXCLUDE THAT CHILD FROM SCHOOL** until such time as the child presents proof of having had either the health examination or those required immunizations which are medically possible to receive immediately."

Dental Exam Requirement: Public Act 93-946 requires all Illinois children in **kindergarten, second and sixth grade** to have an oral health exam. Each child shall present proof of exam by a dentist prior to **MAY 15th** of the school year.
Vision Exam Requirement: Public Act 95-0671 requires all Illinois children enrolling in **kindergarten** or any student **enrolling in an IL school for the first time** to have an eye examination. Each child shall present proof of an eye exam performed by a licensed eye doctor by **THE FIRST DAY** of the school year.

Parents or guardians who object to health examinations or immunizations on religious grounds must present a signed statement detailing the specific grounds for the objection. If a child cannot be fully immunized because of health reasons (medical contraindication), the physician must provide the school with a signed statement.

In the event of one diagnosed case of a communicable disease such as measles or polio, any student who is not protected by immunization shall be immediately excluded from school. This exclusion shall be in effect for 21 days following the last reported case or until the student can show proof of immunity.

DTP/DTaP - four or more doses, with the latest booster given after the fourth birthday.

Tdap –(different than DTP/DTaP/DT/Td) beginning with school year 2013-14, all students in grades 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, & 12th must provide proof of having received one Tdap booster.

OPV/IPV – three or more doses; with the latest booster given after the fourth birthday.

MMR (Mumps/Measles/Rubella) - required unless physician documentation or laboratory evidence verifies that the student has had all 3 diseases. The student must have received two doses of MMR vaccine, the first dose after the first birthday and the booster dose at least one month later.

VARICELLA (Chicken Pox) – All students K-12 must have received one dose of varicella vaccine; students entering Kindergarten, 6th and 9th grades must have received two doses. The vaccine must have been given after the first birthday, and the second dose no less than one month later, or must provide physician documentation or laboratory evidence verifying that the student has had the disease.

HEPATITIS B – (MANDATED FOR GRADES 6th through 12th AND Pre-Kindergarten) a series of two plus one booster. Proof of prior or current infection, if verified by laboratory evidence, excludes need for vaccine.

Hib - (MANDATED FOR Pre-Kindergarten ONLY) given according to a variety of schedules, depending on the manufacturer; minimal dose required is one after 15 months of age.

Pneumococcal – (MANDATED FOR Pre-Kindergarten ONLY) given according to a vaccine schedule, minimal dose required is one after 24 months.