

# Dear 5th Grade Families:

The Pennsylvania School Health Law requires a medical examination for children entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade. This grade has been selected because it represents a critical period of growth and development in a child's life. I have attached a physical examination form that needs to be completed and dated by your child's physician for the 2018 school year. Please return the completed form to the school your child will be attending for 6th grade.

The Physical Examination form must be dated after <u>January 1, 2018</u>. On the Physical Examination form is the Immunization Status record section. Please make sure to include all updated vaccines. Please see the back of this letter

for all School Health requirements.

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## **School Health Record Requirements**

Pennsylvania School Health Law requires medical/dental examinations, immunizations, and health screening for all students at the intervals cited below. Additional information and LMSD forms can be found on the district website at <a href="http://www.lmsd.org/departments/health/resources">http://www.lmsd.org/departments/health/resources</a>.

Kindergarten/First Grade (the year that a student enters school)

- Physical exam form
- Dental exam

### 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

Dental exam

## 6th grade

• Physical exam form

### 7<sup>th</sup> grade

Dental exam

#### 11<sup>th</sup> grade

Physical exam form

#### Vaccines required for ALL students in grades K-12

- Four doses of Tetanus, Diphtheria, & acellular Pertussis (usually given as DTP, DTaP, DT or Td)
  - One dose must be on or after the 4th birthday
- Four doses of Polio vaccine
  - 4th dose must be on or after 4th birthday and at least 6 months after previous dose given
  - 4<sup>th</sup> dose is not necessary if the 3<sup>rd</sup> dose was given at age 4 years or older and at least 6 months after the previous dose
- Two doses of Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) vaccine
- Three properly spaced doses of Hepatitis B vaccine
- Two doses of Varicella (chickenpox) or evidence of immunity
  - First dose must be given after 12 months of age
  - If immune, provide date of disease

### Vaccines required for ALL students in grades 7 - 11

- 1 dose of tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap) (if 5 years has elapsed since the last tetanus vaccine)
- 1 dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV)

## Vaccines required for ALL students in grades 12

- 2 doses of Meninogcoccal Conjugate (MenACWY)
  - If the first dose of MenACWY was given at 16 years of age or older, this shall count as the 12th grade dose

#### **Annual School Health Screening**

- Growth (grades Kdg thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Vision (grades Kdg thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Hearing (grades K, 1, 2, 3, 7, 11)
- Scoliosis (grades 6 & 7 offered in the absence of a current physical exam form; requires written parent permission)