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Dear Parents:

2023-2024 School Year

It is important for you to know the legal health requirements for students, as determined by the Illinois State Board of Education and the Illinois Department of Public Health. **All required physical and immunization forms are due by September 8, 2023.** Parents will be given ample opportunity to meet these legal requirements and exclusion will not occur without prior notice.

These requirements include:

1. **Physical examinations:** Physical examinations are required of all students, completed within one year prior to the entrance of preschool, kindergarten and sixth grades, as well as students transferring from another state or from another country. This physical exam must be recorded on the State of Illinois (Certificate of Child Health Examination form). For students transferring from another Illinois school, transfer health records will be accepted as long as they are received by the deadline and found to be complete. **Parents must complete the identifying information and health history section at the top of page two, and sign it.** Documentation of the following must be included in the physical exam:
 - a. **All sections of the form must be completed and documented.** Incomplete forms will be considered noncompliant and returned for completion.
 - b. **Immunizations:** Evidence of immunity according to state guidelines against Diphtheria-Pertussis-Tetanus (DPT), Polio, Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR), Varicella (**Chicken Pox**) and **Hepatitis B**. Hepatitis B is given as a series in three separate immunizations, at specific intervals. The Hepatitis B vaccination is required for all children entering grades Pre-K and 6th thru 12. If the series is not completed by the start of school, a Hepatitis B immunization schedule must be signed by the child's doctor and returned to school. **One dose** of the Meningococcal Conjugate (MCV4) vaccine is required for all students entering the 6th grade. **One dose** of the Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap) vaccine is required for grades 6-12. Haemophilus influenzae type b (HIB) is required for children age 2 to 5 years old only. The immunization record must include the month, day and year the immunization was given.
Please confer with your child's physician or your school's nurse if you have any questions.
2. **Dental Examination:** Illinois law requires all children in **kindergarten, second, and sixth grade, or any student new to Illinois schools**, to have a complete dental examination by May 15 of that school year.
3. **Eye Examination:** Illinois law requires all children **enrolling in kindergarten or any student new to Illinois schools**, to have a complete eye examination by October 15, 2023. The form must be completed in its entirety by an optometrist or a physician (such as an ophthalmologist), and be dated within one year of the first day of school. Preschool vision screenings do not replace the professional vision exam required for kindergarten.

The Certificate of Health, Dental, and Vision exam forms can be found on our website (wilmette39.org) under the Parent Tab / Health Information. If you need additional printed copies they are available at each school. Students that require medication during school hours must complete the medication authorization form. If your child has an allergy that requires special attention, a form titled Anaphylaxis Care Plan must be submitted to the school nurse. Both the allergy and medication form can be found on our website under the Parent Tab / Health Information. **Please contact the nurse at your school if you have any questions or require additional information**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Kristin Swanson'.

Kristin Swanson, Ph.D.
Administrator for Student Services