

Dear Parent(s):

In order to provide the best learning experience for your child, teachers need to be aware of any special health or developmental problems that your child may have. Documentation of a student's health status is required as stated below.

Physical Examination

All students enrolling in Maryland public schools for the first time, or transferring from private schools within or outside of Maryland, are required to have a physical examination. To be in compliance with the law, the physical examination must be done within nine months before or six months after enrollment. Your child's health information should be submitted on the attached Health Inventory Form and will be made available only as appropriate to school staff.

If your child does not have health insurance coverage, he or she may be eligible for the Maryland Children's Health Program (MCHP) or the Montgomery County Care for Kids (CFK) Program. Both programs offer preventive health check-ups, sick care and other services. For assistance in applying for MCHP or CFK, please visit the Office of Eligibility and Support Services (OESS) according to your zip code. The locations of the OESS and documents you need to bring to the OESS are listed on the enclosed OESS Information Sheet. You may also apply for MCHP online by visiting <http://www.marylandhealthconnection.gov>. Please call the School Community Health Nurse or School Health Room Technician at (301) 279-8844 for any questions.

Dental Examination

It is recommended that students have an annual dental examination. Please submit the attached Dental Health Card.

Immunizations

An Immunization Certificate (preferably the attached DHMH 896) with appropriate immunizations must be submitted at the time of admission. Go to <http://phpa.dhmh.maryland.gov/OIDEOR/IMMUN/SitePages/back-to-school-immunization-requirements.aspx> or see the attached list of Minimum Vaccine Requirements for the current school year. The **only exceptions** to the required immunizations are:

- ❖ documentation of medical contraindication(s) by a physician,
- ❖ documentation of religious exemption by the parent,
- ❖ documentation of immunizations in progress, but up-to-date (students will be excluded if additional required immunizations become past due), or
- ❖ proof of a medical appointment to obtain immunizations or immunization documentation within 20 days of the enrollment date (students will be excluded on the day following the appointment if documentation is not provided).

The Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services offer immunization clinics for county residents at different locations. (See attached Immunization Clinic Schedule.)

Lead

The Blood Lead Testing Certificate (DHMH 4620) must be submitted for students enrolling in special education pre-kindergarten programs, kindergarten or first grade. See DHMH 4620 for details. Head Start and pre-Kindergarten students must have documentation of a blood lead test.

Tuberculosis

Certification that a student is free from tuberculosis is recommended at the time of enrollment for students who enter Montgomery County Public Schools from any country outside the United States or those who have lived twelve months or more outside the U.S. prior to entry.

Please complete and return the Health Inventory Form, Dental Card, Lead and Immunization Certificates as requested.


Principal


School Community Health Nurse

Enclosures:

Health Inventory (MCPS SRS-6)
Dental Health Card (MCPS 525-17)
Minimum Vaccine Requirements (State of Maryland)
TB Prevention/Management Recommendations (L22 a, b, c, d)

Blood Lead Testing Certificate (DHMH4620)
Maryland Immunization Certificate (DHMH 896)
Immunization Clinic Schedule
OESS Information Sheet