

Hamden Wilbraham Regional School District

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to Kindergarten! We look forward to meeting you and your child. The following is a summary of health information that is required for his/her entry to school. The required documentation must be submitted to your child's school nurse in order to complete registration and for your child to start school. He/She **will not** be allowed to start school without the proper documentation.

General laws of Massachusetts require all school children be "successfully immunized". The chart below indicates the established grade level requirements by the Department of Public Health. Updated health room data technology and state regulations mandate the need for the following information on every student:

1. Documentation of **month/day/year** for all immunizations given.
2. Documentation of **month/day/year** for chicken pox disease or vaccine.
3. Documentation of **month/day/year** for all three Hepatitis B vaccinations.
4. Current physical examination record for all students entering Kindergarten.

The physical examination must take place within 12 months prior to the student's first day of school, or during the first 30 days after the student's first day. The form is available for download. In accordance with M.G.L. c. 71, s. 57, upon entering kindergarten or within thirty days after school entry, the parent or guardian of each child **shall present certification that the student within the previous 12 months has passed a vision screening** conducted by personnel approved by the Department. Your child's pediatrician may conduct this initial screening and indicate the results on the physical form. For students who fail the screening and for students diagnosed with neurodevelopmental delay, evidence of a comprehensive eye examination meeting the requirements of c. 71, s. 57 shall be provided to the school.

5. Documentation of lead screening

Massachusetts Department of Public Health Immunization Requirements for Entry in the 2019-2020 School Year

As required by state regulations (102 CMR 7.07 and 105 CMR 220.00), the Massachusetts Department of Public Health has established the following requirements for attendance at preschool and kindergarten. The table below outlines the immunization and number of doses in each setting.

	Preschool	Kindergarten
Hepatitis B	3 Doses	3 Doses
DTaP/DTP	≥4 Doses	5 Doses
Polio	≥ 3 Doses	4 Doses (4th dose must be given on or after the 4th birthday or a 5th dose is required)
Hib	1-4 doses (# required determined by product and the age series began)	Not required
MMR	1 Dose	2 Doses
Varicella	1 Dose	2 Doses

Health History

The health history form is available for download. It provides important health and developmental history about your child that will assist us to know more about your child and to identify any issues that require additional planning for in school.

Emergency/Non Prescription Medication Form

The Emergency/Non-Prescription Medication Form is available for download. It provides current information in the event of an emergency or illness at school. All areas of the form must be completed and signed by a parent or guardian. Please notify the nurse of any changes which may occur during the school year. For your child's safety it is important that this information be kept current. With written permission on the form, over the counter medications to include Tylenol, Motrin, Benadryl, Tums, and Calamine lotion may be administered at the discretion of the school nurse during the school year. These medications are supplied by the nurse's office. Please notify the school nurse if you have administered any of these medications prior to the start of the school day.

Children with Special Health Care Needs

The school nurse can administer prescription medications, on a daily schedule, or on an as needed basis (PRN) with written physician and parental permission. The medication must be in a pharmacy labeled container. Please contact the school nurse for the appropriate paper work, which must be completed and returned to the nurse before any administrations may occur. No child is allowed to transport medication to or from school. Medication must be delivered and picked up by an adult.

School Health Services

- First Aid for injuries which occur in school: Children will be seen, assessed and treated by the school nurse for injuries which occur during school hours. Your private physician should assess and treat injuries that occur outside of school.
- Illness Assessment: Children will be seen, assessed, and treated for illnesses which occur during school hours. Please do not send your child to school if they are ill at home during the night or morning of a school day.
- A student should be kept home from school until 24 hours fever free (below 100 degrees) without the use of any fever reducing medications.
- If antibiotic therapy is initiated keep the student home for 24 hours after the start of the antibiotic medication.

Thank you in advance for your time and effort. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me or the school nurse in your child's building.

Sincerely,

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