



# Oak Park Elementary School District 97

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Dear Families of Incoming Kindergarteners for the 2024-2025 School Year:

It is important for you to know the legal health requirements for students entering kindergarten, as determined by the Illinois State Board of Education and the Illinois Department of Public Health. **All required physical and immunization forms are due no later than October 15, 2024.** This communication allows families ample and advanced opportunity to meet these legal requirements and exclusion will not occur without prior notice.

1. **Physical Examination:** Physical examinations are required of all students entering kindergarten and must be completed within one year prior to the first day of school. This physical exam must be recorded on the State of Illinois Certificate of Child Health Examination form. **Parents must complete the health history section of the form 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 non-compliant and returned for completion.**
  - b. **Lead screening is a required part of the health examination for kindergarten.**
  - c. **Required immunizations:**
    - i. **See Reverse Side of Page for immunization requirements for kindergarten.**
    - ii. **Families who are requesting a religious exemption to immunizations or examinations must have the Certificate of Religious Exemption to Required Immunizations and/or Examinations Form completed by the parent or legal guardian AND the child's health care provider.**
2. **Dental Examination:** Illinois law requires all students in kindergarten, second, sixth, and ninth grade, or any new student new to Illinois schools, to have a complete dental examination **by May 15<sup>th</sup> of that school year.** The examination must have been completed within 18 months prior to the May 15<sup>th</sup> deadline. To clarify: Completed dental examination forms for the 2024-2025 school year must be dated *no earlier* than November 15, 2023. Students who are unable to obtain a dental examination due to undue burden or lack of access must complete the State of Illinois Dental Examination Waiver Form.
3. **Eye Examination:** Illinois law requires that proof of an eye examination by an optometrist or ophthalmologist be submitted **no later than October 15<sup>th</sup>** for all kindergarten students and students who enter the Illinois school system for the first time. The exam must be completed within one year prior to the first day of school. School based vision screenings do not replace the professional vision exam required for kindergarten or school entry. Students who are unable to obtain a vision examination due to undue burden or lack of access must complete the State of Illinois Eye Examination Waiver Form.

All forms including the Certificate of Child Health; dental exam form and waiver; and eye exam form and waiver can be found on our website at [www.op97.org/health-services/forms](http://www.op97.org/health-services/forms). If you need additional printed copies, they are available at each school.

**Students that require medication during school hours must have a medication authorization form completed by a physician: this includes prescription or over-the-counter medications.** If your child has a severe allergy and/or asthma; forms titled Food Allergy Action Plan and/or Asthma Action Plan must be completed by your child's physician and submitted to the school nurse. Forms can be found on our website at [www.op97.org/health-services/forms](http://www.op97.org/health-services/forms).

Please contact the nurse at your school if you have any question or require any additional information.

Vaccine Requirement	Preschool	First Entry into School (Kindergarten or 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade)	Other Grades	Minimum intervals allowed between doses and <u>other options for proof of immunity</u>
<b>Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTP/ DTaP/ or Tdap, Td)</b>	Three doses of DTP or DTaP by 1 year of age.  One additional booster by 2 <sup>nd</sup> birthday	Four of more doses of DTP/DTaP with the last dose qualifying as a booster and received on or after the 4 <sup>th</sup> birthday	Students entering grade 6 one dose of Tdap (received on or after the 11 <sup>th</sup> birthday)  Three or more doses of DTP/DTaP or Td; with last dose qualifying as a booster if received on or after 4 <sup>th</sup> birthday	Minimum interval:  Between series doses: 4 weeks (28 days)  Between series and booster: 6 months  No proof of immunity allowed.
<b>Polio</b>	Two doses by 1 year of age. One additional dose by 2 <sup>nd</sup> birthday.  Three doses for any child 24 months of age or older appropriately spaced.	Four dose series with the last dose administered on or after the 4 <sup>th</sup> birthday.	Four dose series with the last dose administered on or after the 4 <sup>th</sup> birthday.	Minimum interval between series doses: 4 weeks (28 days).  4 <sup>th</sup> dose at least 6 months after previous dose  No proof of immunity allowed.
<b>Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)</b>	One dose on or after the 1 <sup>st</sup> birthday	Two doses of MMR vaccine  The 1 <sup>st</sup> dose on or after the 1 <sup>st</sup> birthday and the 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose no less than 4 weeks (28 days) later	Two doses of MMR vaccine  The 1 <sup>st</sup> dose on or after the 1 <sup>st</sup> birthday and the 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose no less than 4 weeks (28 days) later	Minimum interval: 4 weeks (28 days)  <u>Lab evidence of measles, mumps, or rubella or certified physician verification of mumps disease (only) by date of illness</u>
<b>Varicella (Chicken Pox)</b>	One dose on or after 1 <sup>st</sup> birthday	Two doses of varicella  The 1 <sup>st</sup> dose must have been received on or after 1 <sup>st</sup> birthday, the 2 <sup>nd</sup> dose no less than four weeks (28 days) later	One dose on or after the 1 <sup>st</sup> birthday for grade 5  Two doses of varicella for students entering grades 2,3,4,6,7,8	Minimum interval: 4 weeks (28 days)  Statement from physician or health care provider verifying disease history OR laboratory evidence of varicella immunity
<b>Hepatitis B</b>	Three doses, the first two doses shall have been received no less than four weeks (28 days) apart. Third dose must have been administered on or after 6 months of age (168 days).	Three doses of hepatitis B vaccine administered at recommended (ACIP) intervals	Three doses of hepatitis B vaccine administered at recommended (ACIP) intervals	Minimum intervals between doses: First and second-at least 4 weeks (28 days), second and third-at least 2 months (56 days), first and third-at least 4 months (112 days)  Proof of prior or current infection, if verified by laboratory evidence, may be substituted for proof of vaccination.
<b>Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib)</b>	Refer to ACIP Hib series schedule for children 24-59 month  Children without series must have one dose after 15 months of age.	Not required after the 5 <sup>th</sup> birthday (60 months of age)	Not required after 5 <sup>th</sup> birthday (60 months of age)	ACIP Hib series schedule:  <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vpd/hib/index.html">https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/vpd/hib/index.html</a>  No proof of immunity allowed.
<b>Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV 13)</b>	Refer to ACIP PCV series schedule for children 24-59 months  Children without series must have one dose after 24 months of age	Not required after the 5 <sup>th</sup> Birthday (60 months of age)	Not required after the 5 <sup>th</sup> Birthday (60 months of age)	ACIP PCV series schedule:  <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/vis-statements/pcv.html">https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/vis-statements/pcv.html</a>  No proof of immunity allowed.
<b>Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine</b>	No requirements	No requirements	Applies to students entering 6 <sup>th</sup> – 11 <sup>th</sup> grades: one dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine.  12 <sup>th</sup> grade entry: two doses of meningococcal conjugate vaccine.	Minimum intervals for administration: For 6 <sup>th</sup> grade entry: the first dose received on or after the 11 <sup>th</sup> birthday.  For 12 <sup>th</sup> grade entry: second dose on or after the 16 <sup>th</sup> birthday and an interval of at least eight weeks after the first dose.  Only one dose is required if the first dose was received at 16 years of age or older.  No proof of immunity allowed.