



Dear Parents or Guardian:

A current health examination and proof of immunizations is required for all students entering **Pre-K, Kindergarten and 6th Grade** (dated within 1 year of the first day of attendance for the current school year.) **If your child is new to Pennoyer, but has previously attended school in Illinois,** *the health examination record must be obtained from the previous school and provided to Pennoyer on or before August 19, 2024 for the upcoming 2024/2025 school year.* Additionally, An eye examination is required by the State of Illinois for **all Kindergarten students and must be turned in** to Pennoyer Health Office, on or before **October 15, 2024**. A dental examination is required by the State of Illinois for all students in **kindergarten, 2nd, and 6th grade** and must be turned in *on or before May 15, 2025*.

If your child is new to Pennoyer and previously attended school outside of Illinois, *A current health examination must be completed by an Illinois physician, No later than August 16, 2024, for the upcoming 2024/2025 school year. Additionally, an eye examination by an optometrist or a physician who provides complete eye examinations must be turned in to Pennoyer Health Office, on or before October 15, 2024.*

All students **must comply with the rules and regulations for immunizing school children pursuant to the School Code** *and must present evidence of immunity against:*

- **Combined** Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) - **2 doses with the first dose at 12 months of age or older.**
- Polio- **4 doses, with the LAST DOSE AT 4 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER.**
- Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis- **5 doses with the LAST DOSE AT 4 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER.** The State of Illinois has mandated that all 6th, 7th and 8th grade students show proof of having received 1 dose of Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis) regardless of the interval since the last DTaP, DT or Td dose.
- **6th Grade** – Meningitis, **1 dose required**
- Hepatitis B- **All 3 shots must be completed upon entrance to 6th Grade.**
- Varicella (**chicken pox**) – **2 doses with the first dose at 12 months of age or older.**



If for any reason immunization cannot be brought up to date prior to the school opening date, a note of intent must be signed by the physician that your child has begun or will begin the necessary immunization procedures.

For an easy-to-read, more detailed list of requirements by grade, please visit our website at the following URL

<https://www.pennoyerschool.org/parentsstudents/medical-forms>

Sincerely,

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