

OAK LAWN COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 229

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

In order to comply with Illinois School Code, section 27-89, it is **mandatory** that all freshman students new to high school and transfer students, who were not previously examined for 9th grade, have a **PHYSICAL EXAMINATION** completed by a licensed physician, advanced practice nurse, or physicians' assistant along with verification of the minimum immunizations on file **before** starting school.

Parents/Guardians should complete the front side of the health folder with necessary emergency contact information, which includes the student's name, address and contact phone numbers. You should also complete and sign the health history portion, inside the folder, which will be verified by your health care provider. Request that your health care provider complete the physical and immunization sections of the folder. Please note that a physician's signature is required in two places, one verifying the immunization history, the other verifying he/she performed the health examination. All immunizations must be recorded on the health folder by day, month, and year of administration. Please contact your child's elementary/middle school to obtain a copy of the immunization records prior to May 30th so that it accompanies your child to the appointment. The required immunizations are as follows:

- Diphtheria, Pertussis, and Tetanus: 3 or more doses of DTP/DtaP, with the last dose qualifying as a booster and received on or after the 4th birthday.
- Any student entering 9th grade is required to show proof of receiving one dose of Tdap(defined as tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis) vaccine **regardless** of the interval since the last DTaP, DT, or Td dose.
- Polio: 3 doses or more of Polio with the last dose qualifying as a booster and received on or after the 4th birthday.
- Measles: 2 doses: the first dose received on or after the 1st birthday; second dose no less than 28 days later (usually given as MMR)
- Mumps: 1 dose received on or after the 1st birthday (usually given as MMR)
- Rubella: 1 dose received on or after the 1st birthday (usually given as MMR)
- Hepatitis: 3 doses received at proper intervals
- Chicken Pox: A varicella immunization is required for students or physician's statement verifying disease history, or laboratory evidence of varicella immunity.
- Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine: One dose of the MCV4 for 9th grade entrance. Two doses of the MCV4 is required by 12th grade, unless the first dose was administered to a child who was 16 years of age or older, in which case only one dose would be required at 12th grade.

Noncompliance of a current physical and immunizations will delay high school entrance. **STUDENTS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PICK UP THEIR SCHEDULES OR ATTEND CLASSES.** There will be no exceptions. The completed health folder **MUST** be returned to the OLCHS Main Office (Room 126) **before JULY 1st** so there is no delay in registration.

Since we are anxious to have this important examination completed in order to safeguard your child's health, we encourage you to make an appointment immediately and turn in the folder before the due date. Maintenance of good health has a great influence on one's ability to carry on with school responsibilities.

District 229 discourages taking any medication, including over-the-counter. Students who *need* medication during school hours, must have a district "Permission Form for Prescribed Medication" completed by their physician and signed by the parent/guardian. In addition, if your student requires an Action Plan, such as, Asthma, Seizures and/or Food Allergies, please have forms completed by his physician and turned in.

Please note there is no need to obtain a separate physical for sports, the DHS Child Health Examination form will serve as their Sport's Physical for the calendar year. If you have any questions regarding the physical and/or immunization requirements, please feel free to call the nurse's office at 708.741.5640 before June 1st.

Healthy regards



Mrs. Amy Tucker BSN, RN-BC