SIXTH GRADE HEALTH EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements for 6th grade students enrolled in any Illinois public, private, or parochial school are in effect for the 2012-13 school year:

Sixth Grade

School Physical
- Due no later than September 15, 2012
- Physicals must be conducted within one year prior to entering sixth grade

Dental Examination
- Due no later than May 15, 2013
- Exam must be conducted within 18 months prior to May 15 of the 2012-13 school year

Tdap Vaccination
NEW for the 2012-13 School Year
- Students entering sixth grade must show proof of having received one dose of the Tdap vaccination
- Tdap is a vaccine licensed and recommended to protect pre-teens, adolescents and adults against tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis.

Sports Physicals
- Are due before a student can participate in interscholastic athletic activities, including practices
- Must be obtained annually
- Are good for one year (365 days)

Note: School physicals, provided as required at sixth and ninth grade, can also satisfy the requirement for a sports physical for that year

Please refer to the following sections for information regarding specific health examination requirements for the 2012-13 school year.

Dental Examination (required before entering kindergarten, second and sixth grade):
Proof of an oral health examination must be submitted to the school no later than May 15 of the school year.
- The examination must be performed by a licensed dentist and must have taken place within 18 months prior to May 15 of the school year.
- The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) has created a Dental Examination form that must be presented as proof of this requirement. This form is available on IDPH’s website (http://www.idph.state.il.us/) and the Edwardsville District 7 website (www.ecusd7.org).

Children who show an undue burden or a lack of access to a dentist shall receive a waiver from the requirement for a dental examination. An undue burden or lack of access to a dentist includes but is not limited to the following circumstances:
- The child is enrolled in the free and reduced lunch program and is not covered by private or public (Medicaid/All Kids) dental insurance
- The child is enrolled in the free and reduced lunch program and is ineligible for public insurance (Medicaid/All Kids).
- The child is enrolled in Medicaid/All Kids, but the parent or guardian is unable to find a
dentist or dental clinic in the community that is able to see the child and accepts
Medicaid/All Kids.
- The child does not have any type of dental insurance, and there are no low-cost dental
clinics in the community that will see the child.

School Physical (required before entering kindergarten, sixth, and ninth grade):
The Certificate of Health Examination form must be submitted to the school no later than
September 15, 2012. Students are subject to exclusion if proof of a health examination and
required vaccinations are not provided to the school district at this time.

- Health examinations shall be performed and the Certificate of Child Health Examination
shall be signed by a physician licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches, an
advanced practice nurse who has a written collaborative agreement with a collaborating
physician that authorizes him/her to perform health examinations, or a physician
assistant to whom the performance of health examinations by his/her supervising
physician has been delegated.
- The State of Illinois Code requires that all pupils, prior to or upon entering pre-school,
kindergarten, or first grade, and every pupil entering any public, private or parochial
school in this state be immunized against rubella, measles, tetanus, diphtheria,
poliomyelitis, whooping cough, chicken pox, and mumps. The Department of Public
Health also requires booster immunizations at the appropriate intervals. The State of
Illinois also mandates that a series of three Hepatitis B immunizations be given to
children between age 2-1/2 to five years upon entering an early childhood program and
children entering fifth grade.
- The Illinois physical exam form is available on the IDPH website and the District 7
website.

Please note that school health examinations, including sports physicals, may be issued by
one of the following:

- Physicians licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches or
- Advanced practice nurses who have a written collaborative agreement with a
  collaborating physician that authorizes them to perform health examinations or
- Physician assistants who have been delegated the performance of health examinations
  by their supervising physician

Religious Objections or Medical Exemptions to Health Examinations or Immunizations
Per Public Act 095-0422, parents or legal guardians who object to health, dental, or vision
examinations or immunizations, on religious grounds shall not be required to submit their children
or wards to the examinations or immunizations to which they object if such parents or legal
guardians present to the appropriate local school authority a signed statement of objection,
detailing the grounds for the objection.

If the physical condition of the child is such that any one or more of the immunizing agents should
not be administered, the examining physician, advance practice nurse, or physician assistant
responsible for the performance of the health examination shall endorse that fact upon the health examination form.

Exempting a child from the health, dental, or vision examination does not exempt the child from participation in physical education programs.

If you are having difficulty finding a physician who can complete your child’s health examination and/or administer necessary immunizations, you may wish to consider contacting the Madison County Health Department at 692-8954, extension 2, to make an appointment.