

Cumulative Health Record

A confidential health record is maintained on each child indicating his/her medical history and immunization dates. All findings from screening procedures are required on the student's health record. Please help us keep the record up to date by notifying the Health Office if there is any change in your child's health status, recent immunizations, surgery, etc.. This record is transferred onto each school your child will be attending.

Physical Information

A recent update in New York Education Law, effective July 1, 2018, requires that a complete physical exam be conducted for all students entering grades Pre-K, K, 1, 3, 5, and 7. We ask that you schedule an appointment with your child's physician if they will be in one of those grades in September 2018. [A standard Health Appraisal Form, to be completed by a New York State physician, is located by clicking here.](#)

- Please forward the completed form to your school nurse as soon as the exam has been completed.

Dental Health Screening

NYS law (Chapter 281) permits schools to request an oral health assessment in the following grades: all new students entering school, K, 1, 3, 5, and 7. This sample dental assessment may be completed by a registered dentist or NYS registered dental hygienist. [Click here to access the Dental Health Certificate.](#)

Additional Screening Information

- Scoliosis Screening will occur for students in grades 5 and 7 for female students and Grade 9 for male students.
- Distance Acuity and Near Vision Screening will occur for students in grades K, 1, 3, 5, 7 and 11.
- Hearing Screening (pure tone) will occur for all new entrants and students in grades K, 1, 3, 5, 7 and 11.

Notification to Parents

Following all screening procedures which include scoliosis, vision, hearing, and color perception testing and physical examinations, parents are notified by phone or letter of any problems detected and are counseled regarding medical follow-up.

Requirements for Immunization

[Please click to view NYS immunization requirements for school entrance.](#)

Medications

Please do not send medications of any kind to school with your child. No medications (including Tylenol and cough drops) may be given during school hours, unless you comply with the following regulations of the New York State Law:

A written order from the doctor, indicating the name, frequency, and dosage of the medication.

Written permission from the parents, allowing the school nurse to administer the medication.

A supply of the medication properly labeled in its original container from the pharmacist must be brought to the health office by an adult. Do not send medication with a child.

[Click to access the Parent Authorization Medication form.](#)

Attendance

Attendance records are kept by the school per New York State Requirements. New York State and district procedure requests notification if a student is going to be absent or tardy. Please notify the health/attendance office. A written excuse is required on your child's return to school. If you anticipate your child being absent for an extended period of time due to illness, please call the School Nurse to inform her of your child's condition. We also request notification if your child will be absent due to vacations, family emergencies, etc. You will receive an automated call from the district if you do not call your child in absent.

Physical Education

All pupils are required to participate in the physical education program in school. If it is necessary for your child to be excused from gym, please comply with the following:

Daily – pupils are to present a note to the school nurse from their parents requesting the child be excused and indicating the reason.

Extended - if an excuse is necessary for longer than one week a note from the doctor is required indicating the reason and expected duration

In some instances when a child is returning to school following an extended illness or injury, a note must be obtained from the physician allowing your child to resume gym activities.

Emergency Contacts

Be sure to have all phone numbers up to date in the Orchard Park Central School District Parent Portal. The information is kept up to date by the parents so the school has the ability to reach a family member in the event of an illness or emergency.

Illness and Accidents

The school nurse will provide emergency care for illness and injuries which occur while children are under the jurisdiction of the school. Treatment is limited to first aid only. Any necessary subsequent treatment is the responsibility of the parent/guardian. When it is necessary for the child to be sent home, transportation of students during school hours is the responsibility of the parent/guardian.