

School Nurses

The School Nurses in South Holland SD 151 assist students with health related activities such as first aid, medication management, and wellness activities. The Nurses also maintain student records to ensure that all students are up to date with immunizations, physical examinations, vision and hearing screenings, dental examinations, and chronic disease management. Do you have a question about your child's health? . . . If so, call your child's school and ask to speak to the School Nurse, we are here to help.

Physical Examinations

All students entering Early Childhood, Kindergarten and Sixth Grade, or any new students to South Holland SD 151 are required by the State of Illinois to have a current physical examination and all required immunizations, by a licensed health care provider, on file by the first day of school. Students will not be allowed to attend class and/or register without the appropriate documentation. **Students will be excluded from school until health records are complete and verifiable.**

All students, Early Childhood through Eighth Grade, must provide proof of all immunizations required by the Illinois Department of Public Health. If a student does not comply with these at the time of enrollment, the student **WILL BE EXCLUDED FROM SCHOOL**. Children between the ages of 6 months and 6 years should also present proof of a lead screening and TB skin test but will NOT be excluded from school without them.

It is recommended that parents go to their family doctors or clinics for these required immunizations and physicals. Those families needing assistance in obtaining physicals or immunizations should contact the Cook County Health Department at (708) 633-4000.

Dental

The Illinois Department of Public Health requires that all Kindergarten, Second, and Sixth Grade students have a dental examination before entrance into these grades (by May 15th of that school year). This is a mandate from the State, not a recommendation. If the child fails to present proof of the Dental exam, the school may hold the child's report card. This requirement may be waived for children who show an undue burden or lack of access to a dentist. Moreover, parents or legal guardians who object to dental examinations on religious grounds shall not be required to submit their children to the examination if such parents present to the appropriate local school authority a signed statement of objection, detailing the grounds for the objection.

Vision

Since January 1, 2008, all students enrolling in Kindergarten and any student enrolling for the first time in an Illinois school must have an eye examination. Parents must provide proof that the child was examined by a physician licensed to practice medicine in all its branches or a licensed optometrist within the previous year before October 15th of the school year. If the parent fails to present proof by October 15th, the school may hold the child's report card. This requirement may be waived for children who show an undue burden or lack of access to a physician licensed to practice medicine in all its branches who provides eye examinations or to a licensed optometrist.

Moreover, parents or legal guardians who object to eye examinations on religious grounds shall not be required to submit their children to the examination if such parents or legal guardians present to the appropriate local school authority a signed statement of objection, detailing the grounds for the objection.

For additional questions, please call Student Services at 708-339-1516.