

LAW REGARDING PHYSICAL EXAMINATION AND IMMUNIZATIONS

State law requires that before any child is admitted to kindergarten for the first time (including those currently enrolled in a preschool or four-year-old program), he/she must have a comprehensive physical examination. Forms will be provided at the time of registration for the certification of the physical examination and immunizations. This examination must be dated and signed by a licensed physician, nurse practitioner or physician's assistant no earlier than twelve months prior to the date he/she is to enter kindergarten. The child must be successfully immunized against the following communicable diseases: Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (Whooping Cough), Poliomyelitis, Rubeola (Red Measles), Mumps, Rubella (German Measles), Hepatitis B (HBV), and Chicken Pox (or physician's statement that the student has had chicken pox). The physical examination must also include results of a hemoglobin or hematocrit (for iron deficiency anemia), a lead screening and results of urinalysis.

Children who have enrolled and been accepted into a four-year-old program must also comply with physical examination requirements prior to entering school. Immunizations must be age-appropriate.

Parents are urged to make an appointment for the physical examination and the immunizations as soon after preschool registration as possible. Preschool examinations through the Pittsylvania/Danville Health Department and area physicians are available by appointment. Appointments are difficult to get during late summer. Immediately after your child's physical examination, take or mail the completed form to the school where your child is registered. Children **will not** be allowed to enter school prior to the physical examination and adequate immunizations.

Each child enrolling in school for the first time must have a birth certificate and a social security number. The birth certificate and the social security card should be presented at the school on the day of registration. If the child does not have a birth certificate or a social security card, the school principal will advise the parents concerning procedures for securing these documents.

Parents are urged to contact the local school principal if they have any questions concerning school entrance ages for preschool registration.