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**Department of Special Education**

**HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL ENROLLMENT**

**PHYSICAL EXAMINATION AND IMMUNIZATIONS**

All children in the State of Illinois are required by law to have a health examination and to present proof of having received the required immunizations upon enrolling in an early childhood, kindergarten and sixth grade class and upon first entering an Illinois school regardless of grade. Students transferring from another Illinois school may present a record from the previous school. If records are not available, your child will need to be reexamined. The health examination must be reported on the Certificate of Child Health examination form provided by the Illinois Department of Public Health and dated within one year prior to school entry. Parents must complete and sign the health history section on the examination form. Your child's physician must complete all of the physical examination requirements. Please note that Oak Park is a high risk area for lead poisoning and screening is required for children less than 6 years old.

**YOUR CHILD WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND SCHOOL UNTIL YOU HAVE SUBMITTED A CERTIFICATE OF CHILD HEALTH EXAMINATION AND AN IMMUNIZATION RECORD.**

**EYE EXAMINATION**

Illinois law requires that proof of an eye examination by an optometrist or physician who provides complete eye examinations be submitted to the school no later than October 15 of the year the child is first enrolled or as required by the school for other children. The examination must be completed within one year prior to October 15 of the year the child enters an Illinois school.

**DENTAL EXAMINATION**

All children in kindergarten and Grades 2 and 6 are required to have an oral health examination. Each child is required to present proof of examination by a dentist prior to May 15 of the school year and the examination must have been completed within the 18 months prior to the May 15 deadline.

Families who object to their child having health examinations or immunizations need to contact the nurse at the school their child will attend.

**It is advisable that parents/guardians keep copies of all health records.**