Health Entrance Requirements

PHYSICAL EXAMS AND IMMUNIZATIONS

Physical examinations are required prior to entry into pre-school (each year), prior to kindergarten, and in grade 6 and grade 9. Students transferring from outside the state of CT are required to have a physical exam done within one calendar year of registration in Newtown Schools.

All students must comply with the <u>State of CT immunization requirements</u> before entry into school.

<u>Laboratory confirmation of immunity</u> is only acceptable for Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Measles, Mumps, Rubella and Varicella.

<u>Verification of Varicella disease</u> needs to be confirmed in writing by a MD, PA, or APRN that the child has a previous history of the disease, based on family or medical history.

<u>Medical exemptions</u> - Information and necessary forms related to medical exemptions can be found <u>here.</u>

<u>TB risk assessment</u> - This is the <u>tool</u> Newtown Schools uses to determine if a student should have a TB test prior to entry into school. Students who are entering kindergarten or are new entrants are assessed using this information. Physician's verification of a tuberculin test (Mantoux) given in the USA, including the date given and the results of the test are required if the assessment indicates testing is necessary.

Responsibility for compliance with the <u>state physical examination</u> and <u>immunization</u> requirements and Board of Education policy lies with the parents.

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Health Entrance Requirements

Physical Examinations are required before entry into Pre-school, Kindergarten, prior to school enrollment (if a new student coming from outside the State of Ct) and in Grades 6 and 9. (A physical exam done within one year is acceptable).

Newtown Schools require that all students comply with State of Connecticut immunization requirements **before** entry into school:

NOTE: Laboratory confirmation of immunity is only acceptable for Hepatitis B, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Hepatitis A, and Varicella. Verification of Varicella Disease needs to be confirmed in writing by a MD, PA, or APRN that the child has a previous history of the disease, based on family or medical history

EXEMPTIONS:

- 1. Religious (proper forms are required) and
- 2. Medical (certification from a physician stating that the immunization is contraindicated)
- 3. **Tuberculin testing** This applies to foreign and foreign-born students (new entrants and Kindergarten students) entering from a high risk country*. Physician's verification of a tuberculin test (Mantoux) given in the USA, including the date given and the results of the test.

*High Risk Country (As Identified by the Center for Disease Control and the Connecticut Department of Public Health Infectious Diseases Section)

RESPONSIBILITY FOR COMPLIANCE with the State Immunization and Local Laws lie with the Parents. The immunization record MUST be one that provides the necessary information about the type, date, and dosage and is to be signed by a physician. A health record from the previous school will also be accepted.