

FAIRFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

**Town of Fairfield School Health Program
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TO: Parent/Guardian

FROM: Karen Parks, Deputy Superintendent

In accordance with State statute, students enrolled in the Fairfield schools are required to have a health assessment within one calendar year of enrollment in grade 6 and to furnish a report of this assessment to the school the child attends. Health care providers who may perform the required health assessment include a physician licensed to practice in the United States, or an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse, registered nurse, or Physicians Assistant licensed to practice in Connecticut.

Please click on the link <http://fairfieldschools.org/pdf/Health-Assessment-Record.pdf> to access the Health Assessment form which must be returned to the school prior to June 1, 2015. **Only recent health assessments are accepted, i.e., those done on or after August 15, 2013.**

The Health Assessment form must be completed and signed on the front side by the child's parent or guardian. The health care provider must complete and sign where indicated on the form. All items marked with an asterisk (*) must be completed. Additionally, documentation of an assessment of the student's risk for exposure to tuberculosis must be completed on the form. Any student determined to be at high risk for exposure to tuberculosis shall provide evidence of a Mantoux tuberculin skin test performed in the United States as part of the required health assessment.

Incomplete health assessments will not be accepted and will be returned to the parent or guardian to obtain missing information.

Additionally, Connecticut state law requires that children show proof of the following immunizations prior to entry into grade 7:

- ❖ A second dose of Rubella and Mumps vaccine (usually given as MMR)
- ❖ A second dose of Chickenpox (varicella) vaccine, the first of which was given on or after the first birthday.
- ❖ One dose of Tdap vaccine.
- ❖ One dose of Meningococcal vaccine (MCV).

Under certain circumstances, proof of immunity based upon specific blood testing or disease verification is acceptable in lieu of immunization. Connecticut state statutes permit exemptions from receiving immunizations if vaccination is medically contraindicated and such contraindication is certified by a physician and is in accordance with the provision of state law. Connecticut state statutes permit exemptions from receiving immunizations or a medical examination required for entry into school or grade 6 if immunization or examination is contrary to the religious beliefs of the child and there is parent/guardian statement to that effect. A written statement is needed. For further information, contact the school nurse.

We appreciate your support with this vital effort.

Thank you.