

## REQUIREMENT FOR REGISTRATION IN THE FAIRFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Dear Parent or Guardian,

The following are health requirements for students entering preschool, kindergarten, or transferring into other grades. These requirements conform to state law and Fairfield Board of Education policy. Please contact your child's school nurse if you have questions or if you need further information.

### Immunizations

A complete immunization record must be presented before a child enters school. For all students, this record must show dates of adequate immunization against diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, poliomyelitis (initial series plus booster given on or after the fourth birthday), and against measles, mumps, and rubella (a dose given on or after the first birthday). Additionally,

- ❖ Children under age 5 must also show a record of adequate immunization against haemophilus influenza type b (HIB) (a dose given on or after the first birthday).
- ❖ A second dose of measles vaccine is required for students who enter kindergarten on or after August 2000, and for students who are or have been in seventh grade after September 1992.
- ❖ Children born 1/1/94 or later must show a record of adequate immunization against hepatitis B (3 dose series). Children born before 1/1/94 who are enrolled in grade 7 on or after August 2000 must show a record of at least one dose of hepatitis B vaccine. Children born before 1/1/94 who are or have been enrolled in grade 8 on or after August 2001 must show a record of adequate immunization against hepatitis B (3 dose series).
- ❖ A record of adequate immunization against varicella (chicken pox) is required for all students born 1/1/97 or later, and for students born before 1/1/97 who are or have been enrolled in grade 7 on or after August 2000. Alternatively a written statement, signed and dated by a physician, Physician's Assistant, or Advanced Practice Registered Nurse, indicating that the student has had chicken pox, will be accepted.

Under certain circumstances, proof of immunity based upon specific blood testing is acceptable in lieu of immunization. For further information, contact the school nurse.

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 provisions of state law, *or* if immunization 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.

### Health Assessments (Physical Examinations)

A complete health assessment done by a physician or osteopath licensed to practice in the United States, or by an advanced practice registered nurse, registered nurse, or Physician's Assistant licensed to practice in Connecticut, must be presented to the school before a child enters school. A State of Connecticut Health Assessment form is provided by the school to be completed when your child receives the required health assessment. All required information must be completed before the health assessment may be accepted.

For students entering preschool and kindergarten, the health assessment must have been done on or after August 15 of the school year preceding entry into these grades. For older students, the health assessment must have been done as recently as the last required health assessment for the student's grade level. The school nurse will inform you of the acceptable time frame for your child's health assessment.

### Tuberculin Tests

Health assessments required prior to initial entrance into a Fairfield school shall include evidence of a Mantoux tuberculin skin test performed after most recent entry into the United States for students entering school in Fairfield from a country with a high prevalence of tuberculosis. Countries with a high prevalence of tuberculosis include those identified as such by the Connecticut Department of Public Health. The school nurse will inform you of the countries that are identified as high-prevalence countries. In addition, health assessments done on or after August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005 shall include documentation of the student's risk of exposure to tuberculosis. Any student determined to be at high risk shall receive a Mantoux tuberculin skin test performed in the United States as part of the required health assessment. Any student found to have a positive Mantoux tuberculin skin test or tuberculosis disease shall be permitted to attend school only in accordance with the protocols established by the Fairfield Director of Health and School Medical Advisor.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I have received and read the above requirements. I understand that my child shall not be permitted to register for or attend school until such time as the requirements are fulfilled.

Parent Signature	Date	Home Phone
Student's Name	Grade	School