

Delaware Valley School District

IMPORTANT KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION FROM THE DINGMAN DELAWARE PRIMARY SCHOOL NURSE

-Incoming kindergarten immunization records must be complete and on file in the Health Office by July 31, 2022. Students with incomplete immunization records cannot attend school in August. Please contact me ASAP if you have any questions about the immunization requirements or exemptions for children to attend school.

-PA School Law requires all kindergarten students to have a physical AND dental examination. We encourage students to have their medical exams completed by their own health care provider for continuity of care. **Private physical and dental exams are due by October 1, 2022.** Exams completed on or after August 1, 2021, will meet this requirement. Students not submitting a private physical exam will be offered a free, school physical before the end of the kindergarten year to be performed by the school physician (during the school day). Students not having a private dental exam on file by the school dental screening date will be seen by the school dentist (during the school day). Notices will be sent home when the dates for these screenings have been scheduled. Students who fail to complete the required medical examinations cannot attend school the following school year until the exam is completed.

-Students are also required by PA School Law to have screenings completed during certain grade levels. Students at the DDPS will have their growth measured, with vision and hearing checked annually during the school day. Parents will be notified if their child requires further assessment by a medical provider.

-Please monitor your child for illness symptoms daily. Please keep your child home if they have symptoms of Covid-19 (Fever >100.4F, cough, trouble breathing, nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, lack of smell or taste, sore throat, chills, muscle pain, headache or congestion/runny nose). Communicate any Covid-19 related absences and any new medical information with the Health Office. If your child has a medical diagnosis (ex. Asthma, ADHD) please provide yearly documentation from your child's medical provider along with a Medication Authorization Form if medication must be administered during the school day.

-Medications can only be administered at school with a medication order signed by your child's health care provider and with written parent permission. Medication Authorization Forms are available on the DV website and in the DDPS Health Office. A new Medication Authorization Form must be completed each year and with any medication changes. Medications must be brought to the school by an adult in the pharmacy labeled container.

-Every child enrolled in school is required by PA State Law to attend regularly. This is a crucial element to a student's educational success. Every student must submit in an excuse note to the main office, written by the parent, guardian or physician after an absence (even after being sent home from the Health Office). Please review your child's handbook and the district website for specific attendance policies.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns about any of the above information.

Sincerely,
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