

## Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. When are health forms due?

**Physical Form-** Due September 2nd. A due date of September 2nd allows time to review the forms for completeness and allows time for any missing immunizations to be given before the state mandated exclusion date of October 15th. Must be on the Illinois Child Health Examination Form and date within one year of the first day of school. **A parent or guardian must complete and sign the health history section.**

**Eye Forms-** Due October 15th. All students entering Illinois schools for the first time- kindergarten through 8th grade must submit eye forms. The form must be filled out by an optometrist or ophthalmologist and dated within one year of the first day of school.

**Dental Forms-** Due on May 15th. A dental form is required for students in kindergarten, 2nd and 6th grade. The dental form must be filled out a dentist and dated within 18 months of the May 15th deadline.

All forms are available on the website under "for parents" and in the drop down box, "health information".

### 2. Is my child allowed to take medication in school?

Only those medications, which are absolutely necessary to maintain a child in school and have been provided to the school with the completed Medication Authorization form, will

be administered. Prescribed medication must be brought to school by the parent in the original container with the pharmacy label. **Medication sent to school in baggies, envelopes, lunches, etc. will not be administered.**

3. How do I notify the school when my child will be absent?

A message stating the student's name, grade, teachers name and reason for absence must be left on the schools safe phone. Teachers are not responsible for forwarding messages regarding attendance. Emails notifying the nurse of an absence may not be received if there is a substitute nurse.

4. How do I decide if my child should stay home sick from school?

To safeguard the health of all the children, parents are requested to keep any child at home who is apparently not feeling well. Communicable diseases like chicken pox, strep throat, scarlet fever, mumps, fifth's disease, pink eye, and any illness with diarrhea must be reported to the school nurse right away, who will notify the Wilmette Health Department.

Children with communicable diseases should remain at home until they have been on an antibiotic for at least 24 hours and cleared by a physician to return. Students should not return to school following an illness until they have been fever-free without fever- reducing medication, vomiting, or diarrhea for at least 24 hours, or until the doctor has provided medical clearance. Illnesses like mononucleosis should be reported to the nurse so that program modifications can be made.