

TIVERTON SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
HEALTH INFORMATION

PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS: Health examinations are required for all students entering Rhode Island schools for the first time (all students entering Kindergarten and any new student in other grades). The method of choice is an examination done by your private physician. New students who transfer from out of state must show evidence of a physical examination within 6 months of entry.

IMMUNIZATIONS: All students entering **Kindergarten** and **new students** must show proof that they have received the following immunizations:

1. Five doses of Dtap vaccine with the last dose given on or after the 4th birthday.
2. Four doses of Polio vaccine with the last dose given on or after the 4th birthday.
3. Two doses of MMR vaccine.
4. Three doses of Hepatitis B vaccine.
5. Varicella vaccine given on or after the 1st birthday **OR** a written statement from your doctor which verifies that your child has a history of chicken pox disease.
6. For Kindergarten students only: proof of lead screening as required by the state of Rhode Island. Lead screening is not an immunization.

MEDICATIONS: If your child requires medication (prescription and over the counter medications) during school hours:

1. Your doctor must fill out a Medication Order form (medication cannot be given until this is received). This form is available from the school nurse.
2. Parent/Guardian must fill out the Parent Authorization form at the bottom of the Medication Order form.
3. Medication should be brought in by the parent/guardian to the school nurse.
4. All medication must be in a properly marked container with the student's name, name of medication, name of physician, amount to be dispensed, and times/hours of dispensation.

VISION SCREENINGS: Vision screenings are done annually on all Kindergarten, first, second, third, and fourth grade students.

HEARING SCREENINGS: Hearing screenings are done annually on all Kindergarten, first, second, and third grade students.

DENTAL SCREENINGS: Dental screenings are done annually on all Kindergarten, first, second, third, and fourth grade students.

Please note: If your child fails a vision, hearing, or dental screening, you will be notified by mail.