



Torrington Public Schools

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Health Requirements and Information

(as required by the State of Connecticut Department of Education Public Acts 80-440 and 91-327)

Physical examination requirements for Kindergarten entry:

Before the start of school, the student needs to have a physical examination performed by a doctor, physician's assistant, or an advanced practice registered nurse. The examination must include height, weight and blood pressure measurements; blood work tests for hemoglobin and/or hematocrit; posture, vision and hearing screenings; a general dental exam; a chronic disease assessment; and either a recent tuberculosis skin test or a negative tuberculosis risk assessment. The examination must have been performed no earlier than August 31, 2016.

A similar Physical Examination is also required at Grade 6 and Grade 9.

Immunization (Vaccination) Requirements for Kindergarten entry:

DTaP (Diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis (whooping cough)): at least 4 doses. The last dose must be given on or after the child's fourth birthday.

Polio: at least 3 doses. The last dose must be given on or after the child's fourth birthday.

MMR (Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (German Measles)): 2 doses separated by at least 28 days, with the first dose on or after the child's first birthday.

HIB (Haemophilus Influenza Type b): Children less than 5 years of age need 1 dose at 12 months or older. Children 5 or older do not need proof of HIB vaccination.

Hepatitis A: 2 doses given 6 months apart, the first dose on or after the child's first birthday.

Hepatitis B: 3 doses, the last dose given on or after 24 weeks of age.

Varicella (Chicken Pox): 2 doses separated by at least 3 months, the first dose on or after the child's first birthday – or verification of disease.

Pneumococcal: If the child is less than 5 years of age, 1 dose on or after the child's first birthday.

The State of Connecticut Department of Education requires school nurses to screen children for vision, hearing, and posture according to the following schedule:

Screening	Grades
Vision	K, 1, 3, 4, 5
Hearing	K, 1, 3, 4, 5
Posture	girls – 5, 7 boys – 9

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