



St. Stephen-St. Edward School

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Physical and Dental Examinations:

New York State Law **requires** a physical examination for all students entering, Grade UPK, K, 2, 4, 7 and all students transferring into St. Stephen St. Edward School. Physicals dated after September 9, 2014 will be accepted.

Physical forms or documentation of an upcoming appointment should be returned by **October 1, 2015** to the Nurses Office. Please make a copy for your records.

The district is **requesting** a dental certificate to be filled out by your dentist for students in Grades K, 2, 4, and 7. Again dental exams are **requested** not a requirement.

Health appraisal and Dental forms can be downloaded from the school web site.

Medication

For your child's safety, medication of any kind cannot legally be dispensed to any student in school without a Physician's written order and parental consent.

The Authorization for Medication Administration form must be properly completed with healthcare provider's signature and stamp and returned to the health office along with the medication by the first week of school.

An adult must bring the medication to school. It must be in the original labeled prescription container and an inhaler must be labeled.

New York State law requires a new medication order for each school year.

Reminder all medication must be picked up by a parent or guardian by the last day of school. All medication not picked up by last day of school will be disposed of. Please feel free to call the School Nurse with any questions or concerns.

Alert the health office during the school year to discuss these medical issues with the school nurse:

- Your child has or has recently recovered from a serious illness
- Your child has been hospitalized
- Your child has had surgery
- Your child has sustained an injury requiring medical treatment

Documentation from your health care provider will be needed to return to school with or without restrictions.



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Absences:

Please call absences in daily. Absences should be reported by 9:00 a.m. Provide your name

- Student's name, grade and teacher
- Reason for absence – if illness state particular complaint, such as stomach ache, chicken pox, fractured arm, etc.
- Give length of absence if known
- Documentation from your health care provider will be needed to return to school with or without restrictions.

During school, if your child is ill and/or found to have flu like symptoms, parents/guardians will be called to pick up student. Please have updated contact numbers on file. Emergency contacts should be local and available to pick up students promptly. When parents call to report an absence, please identify the illness your child is experiencing including symptoms. Absences should be called in daily by parent/guardian.

If your child shows any symptoms of illness: temperature over 100° and flu-like symptoms, please keep him/her home. Notify your health care provider if there is no improvement.

Children may not return to school unless:

- They are fever free for 24 hours WITHOUT medication for fever
- They have not vomited for 24 hours

Screenings:

The district's School Health Services program supports your child's academic success by promoting health in the school setting. One way to provide care for your child is by performing the health screenings as mandated by New York State. During the school year, the following screenings will be required or completed at school by our nurses: hearing, vision, height, and weight.

ALLERGY ALERT REMINDER - Many children have developed serious allergies to various foods, particularly NUTS. We also have children who have serious allergies to other products such as chocolate, eggs and wheat. It is important to check with your child's teacher before sending in snacks or baked goods that are intended for class distribution. The teacher will be able to advise you as to whether or not there are any restrictions in your child's class. It is also important to discourage your child from eating on the school bus, trading lunches or snacks.

Please read all labels & send labels in with all treats sent in. After checking the ingredients list, look on label for phrases like these:

“may contain nuts”, “produced in a facility that also processes nuts”, “produced on a shared equipment with nuts or peanuts”

NOTE TO FIFTH GRADE PARENTS & GUARDIANS:

New York State Department of Health Law has revised the regulations regarding immunization requirements for school attendance effective July 1, 2014.*

Students who are entering 6th Grade for the 2015 -2016 School Year will require:

- 2nd Dose of Varicella – A health care provider’s signed medical record indicating the student had Varicella disease is acceptable proof of immunity.
- Tdap (described below)
- 3-4 doses of poliomyelitis vaccine

Students who are entering 6th grade on or after September 1, 2015 and who are 11 years of age or older must receive an immunization containing tetanus toxoid, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis (Tdap).

Ten year old students who are entering 6th grade will not be required to receive a Tdap vaccine and will not be excluded from school, but they must be immunized when they turn 11 years old. At that time they must provide documentation of a booster dose of Tdap or provide proof of an appointment for the booster dose within 14 days. There are 2 immunizations currently available:

- Boostrix
- Adacel

It is important that you contact your Health Care Provider to determine the status of your child’s immunization. The law requires that Tdap, 3-4 doses of poliomyelitis vaccine & 2nd dose of Varicella, be administered before the student enters 6th grade.

Make a copy for your records.

Please be aware that state law will not allow us to admit any 11 year old 6th grader who has not complied with this regulation.