

From the Nurse's Office



Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe that we are in the last quarter of the current school year. In preparation for the fall of 2025, we wish to remind you that there are important health mandates that are required throughout the student's scholastic career. Please review the information below to assist you to prepare your child(ren) accordingly. If you don't have a well-visit already scheduled, we encourage you to do so to meet all the requirements and avoid the possibility of exclusion.

Health Examinations (physicals): [Health certificates](#) are required to be submitted to school within 30 days of the start of the school year [Education Law §903, Commissioner's regulation §136.3 (c)(1)] New York State law requires a current, defined as October, 2024 or later, health examination for:

- All new entrants regardless of grade, and students entering grades Pre-K or K, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 & 11;
- Every year for students participating in athletics (sports);
- For working papers as needed; or
- When required by the Committee on Special Education (CSE) or Committee on Pre-School Special Education (CPSE).

We are also required to request a dental health certificate which is necessary at the same time a grade-level health examination is required. Please note, this is not a requirement for school attendance.

Immunizations (shots/vaccines): New York State law requires all students entering or attending any New York State school (public, nonpublic, and charter schools) to have received, or have a written, validated appointment date to receive, all required doses of immunizations for their grade level no more than fourteen (14) days after the beginning of the school year in order to attend or continue to attend school. The immunization requirements for each grade level is available at: [NYSDOH Immunization Requirements for School Entrance/Attendance Chart](#). Students who do not have the required immunizations, or have a written, validated appointment to receive all required immunizations within the prescribed timeframe, may not attend school.

Prescribed & Over-The-Counter Medications: Medications need to be provided in the home by a parent. However, when this isn't possible, and your child needs to take medication(s) during the school day, we are required to have the following:

- A written healthcare provider order, (attestation is also required for independent students);
- Written parent/guardian consent; and
- Any and all medications must be in their original, labeled, prescription, or over-the-counter bottles/packaging. Any special supplies or equipment to administer the medication must also be provided to the school.

Based upon New York State regulations, the above requirements and forms for medication administration are required with each new school year. Orders from the previous year cannot be used the following school year. All medications and supplies must be picked up by the end of each school year or they will be disposed of. Items cannot be stored or housed at the school from school year to school year.

Should you have any questions please reach out to our school nurse at extension 231, or email nurse@stpeterrc.org. Our fax number is (716) 754-0167. This information and forms are also contained on our [website](#): Parent Resources; Nurse.