

State Mandated Health Requirements for Kindergarten and First Grade Students

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Welcome to Golden Brook School. We would like to be able to assist you and your child with adjusting quickly and comfortably into a new school setting. Of special importance to us is your child's health and prevention of communicable disease.

New Hampshire State law requires all children to have a physical examination before entering school. Please submit the most recent copy of the physical examination and immunization records when registering your child along with the date of the next scheduled physical examination. **All final physicals must be dated no earlier than September 1, 2010.** Any information made available regarding allergies, physical disabilities, and so forth, would become part of your child's record.

New Hampshire State Law, RSA 141-C:20 requires all students in New Hampshire to be immunized against diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, measles, mumps, rubella, polio, Hepatitis B and Varivax (chicken pox) **before enrollment in school.**

Acceptable immunization includes:

- * Four doses of DTP/DT/DtaP/TD, 4th dose on or after the 4th birthday, or five doses.
- * Three doses of Polio Vaccine, with the last dose after the fourth birthday of an all IPV or all OPV schedule; or four doses of any combination of IPV and OPV regardless of age of administration.
- * Two doses of measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) on or after 12 months of age.
Dose 2 at least 28 days after the first dose.
- * Three doses of Hepatitis B (required if born on or after January 1, 1993). Dose 1 and 2 separated by at least 28 days. Dose 3 shall be administered on or after age 24 weeks and be separated by a minimum of 16 weeks from the first dose and 8 weeks from the second dose.
- * Two (2) doses of varicella or varivax vaccine (chicken pox) given on or after the age of 12 months.
Dose two (2) at least 3 months after the first dose.

For all minimum intervals and age requirements, a 4-day grace period is acceptable.

If your child does not have the required vaccines she/he may be conditionally enrolled, if she/he has received at least one dose of the required vaccines.

This requirement may be waived for medical reasons if evidence is presented from your physician that immunization will be detrimental to his/her health or for religious reasons, if a written notarized statement is presented to the school. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact us.

Also, please be aware that if your child is sick, it is very important to keep them home. We ask that they stay home for at least 24 hours after having a fever, vomiting, or having been started on antibiotics.

Sincerely,

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