



Lexington Public Schools

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Dear Parent or Guardian:

In order to enter Grades 1-12 in September 2009, the following registration information is required:

1. Completion of the enclosed school forms – Registration Form and Child Census.
2. Submission of a birth certificate – This will not be retained by the school.
3. Proof of residence (e.g., utility bill, driver's license, proof of voter registration).
4. A physical examination is required at the time of entrance. This examination should be conducted by your family physician. Please have her/him complete the enclosed school health record and return it to the school. Required immunizations should also be included on the health record. A physical examination done within the past year prior to entrance is acceptable.
5. Massachusetts General Law c.76, §§ 15 and 15C, requires that school children be immunized against diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (DTP), polio, measles, mumps, rubella (German measles) (MMR), hepatitis B, and varicella (chicken pox). Immunizations required for entrance are as follows:

DTP	A series of 4 or more doses.
Td Booster	Required for entry to Grades 7-12, if it has been 5 or more years since the last dose.
POLIO	A series of 3 or more doses.
MMR	(Measles, Mumps, Rubella) – One dose, must be after age 1.
MEASLES	Second dose required to enter Grades 1-12. Disease – must submit laboratory evidence of immunity.
HEPATITIS B	A series of 3 doses required to enter Grades 1-12.
VARIVAX	(Chicken Pox) Required to enter Grades 1-12. One dose required before age 13. Two doses required after age 13. Disease – must be verified by your doctor in <u>writing</u> .

A TB test may be required of students entering from outside the United States. Please refer to the attached sheet re: Tuberculosis Policy for New Entrees.

There will be a small group of children exempted from the law because of medical or religious reasons. A statement from the child's physician is required indicating the medical reason why one or more of the immunizations is contraindicated. A parent or guardian may submit a statement indicating that immunization conflicts with his/her religious belief. If a child has had measles or mumps disease, laboratory evidence of immunity is required.

Sincerely,

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