



Lockport City School District

Health and Dental Examination Requirements

New York State law requires a health examination for all students **entering the school district for the first time and when entering Pre-K or K, 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th, and 11th grade**. Note that this is a change from previous years. The examination must be completed by a New York State licensed physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner.

A dental certificate which states your child has been seen by a dentist or dental hygienist is also asked for at the same time. The school will provide you with a list of dentists and registered dental hygienists who offer dental services on a free or reduced cost basis if you ask for it.

- A copy of the health examination must be provided to the school within 30 days from when your child first starts at the school, and when your child starts K, 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th and 11th grades. If a copy is not given to the school within 30 days, the school will contact you.
- If your child has an appointment for an exam during this school year that is after the first 30 days of school, please notify the Health Office with the date.
- For your convenience, a physical exam form and dental certificate for your health care providers is enclosed.
- Communication between private and school health staff is important for safe and effective care at school. Your healthcare provider may not share health information with school health staff without your signed permission. Please talk to your provider about signing their consent form for the school at the time of your child's appointment for the examination.
- We suggest you make copies of the completed forms for your own records before sending or faxing them to the school health office.

During this school year, the following screenings will be required or completed at school:

- Vision: Distance acuity and near vision acuity for all newly entering students and students in Pre K or Kindergarten, Grades 1, 3, 5, 7 and 11.
- Hearing: Hearing screening for all newly entering students and students in Pre K or Kindergarten, Grades 1, 3, 5, 7 and 11.
- Scoliosis: Scoliosis (spinal curvature) screening for all students in Grades 5 and 7 for girls and grade 9 for boys.

A letter will be sent home if there are any findings on the screening done at school that would cause concern or need medical follow-up. Please call the school's Health Office if you have any questions or concerns.

Health Services Department information and school nurse listing can be found on our website:
www.lockportschools.org/healthservices

School Health Office information for each school is located on the school website under
Our School>Health Office