

# Mokena Public Schools

## School Physicals, Immunizations and Exams

### Physical Examinations and Immunizations

Prior to entering school, a physical examination and immunizations are required of every Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, fifth grade, and incoming transfer student in accordance with the rules and regulations promulgated by the Illinois Department of Public Health. **If these requirements are not completed by September 1<sup>st</sup>, the student will not be permitted to attend classes.** This is a mandate of state law, and state aid to the Mokena Public Schools could be adversely affected if not enforced.

Following are the health requirements for the state of Illinois:

DPT – 4 or more doses (last dose after age 4)  
ORAL POLIO – 3 or more doses (last dose after age 4)  
MMR – 2 doses (first dose received after age 1)  
HEPATITIS B – 3 dose series (required for pre-K and 5<sup>th</sup> grade)  
VARICELLA VACCINE (Chicken Pox) – one dose or proof of having had the disease from a medical professional – required for students entering pre-K or Kindergarten)  
PRE-KINDERGARTEN PHYSICAL  
KINDERGARTEN PHYSICAL  
FIFTH GRADE PHYSICAL  
OUT-OF-STATE TRANSFER PHYSICAL (an out-of-state or out-of-country transfer student must present a health examination that was completed within one (1) year prior to entry into an Illinois school. The health exam should be completed on a State of Illinois health form.)

### Dental Examinations

As of July 2005, a new State of Illinois mandate regarding dental exams has now passed the General Assembly. All Illinois children in Kindergarten, second grade, and sixth grade will be **required** to have an oral health examination. Examinations must be performed by a licensed dentist and presented on a signed dental exam form.

Dental exams must be submitted to the school district by **May 15, 2008** to be in compliance with this new legislation. If the exam has been completed earlier than the State's deadline, please provide the health services office with a copy at that time.

### Religious and Medical Exemption

Religious and Medical Exemption, as defined in The School Code of Illinois, Section 27-8, subsection 8, is as follows:

“Parents or legal guardians who object to immunizations or health examinations for their children, on religious grounds, must present a written, signed statement of such objection to local school authorities. The grounds for a religious objection must be detailed. The objection must be founded on a religious tenet or practice. General philosophical or moral reluctance to allow immunizations and physical examinations will not provide a sufficient basis for an exemption to statutory requirements.” In addition, “exceptions must be made to immunization requirements on the basis of medical contraindications. If one or more of the required immunizations is medically contraindicated, the examining physician must record any condition on the examination form. Should the condition of the child later permit immunizations, this requirement would then have to be met.”