

WASHINGTONVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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WASHINGTONVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Dear Parents:

NYS Legislation requires medical examinations of children entering Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, grades 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11, and any new entrants to the district. Each physical must state the students Body Mass Index (BMI) and weight status category. Parents are strongly encouraged to have this examination performed by their family health care provider. Physicals and the Annual Physical Examination Form need to be completed within 12 months prior to the commencement of the school year in which the examination is required and **provided to the school nurse within 30 days after the start of the new school year.** After this date, the school physician/nurse practitioner reserves the legal right to make a health appraisal of students for whom we have not received a report. School physicals cannot be used for out of school or community activities, such as Little League or Summer Camp.

Vision screenings will be done annually for Pre K or K, 1, 3, 5, 7, and 11th graders.

Hearing screenings will be done on Pre K or K, 1,3,5,7 and 11th graders.

All new entrants will be screened for vision and hearing.

Regular dental care by the family dentist is recommended for all students. Preventive dental care through fluoride treatment and sealant can prevent a large percentage of dental decay. Per NYS Education Law#903 etc. **All students enrolling in school, or entering grades Pre-K, K, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11 are requested to present a dental health certificate: such dental health certificate must contain a report of a comprehensive dental examination performed on such child.**

It is the policy of the District to ask parents to keep their children home from school if they show signs of illness or other infections. If a child has had a fever, he/she should remain at home until the temperature has been normal for **at least 24 hours**. When a child is absent for 2-3 consecutive days, please notify your individual school Attendance Office.

Due to the size of the District and the large number of students, transportation for ill students cannot be provided. Therefore, it is necessary that you provide us with the name and phone number of an adult who will care for your child in your absence. Please feel free to call us if we can be of assistance.

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Little Britain Elementary

Taft Elementary

Middle School

High School

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497-4000 X23531

497-4000 X22531

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497-4000 X24532

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497-4082

497-4003

497-4085

497-4037

497-4034

All health forms, including the authorization for the administration of medicine at school may be downloaded from the District's website at www.ws.k12.ny.us and selecting Central Registration under Administration at the top of the home page. Please take a moment to become familiar with the District's health program procedures:

SCOLIOSIS

NYS Education Law requires that girls be screened in 5th and 7th grade, while boys are screened in 9th grade for scoliosis to identify children with possible lateral curvature of the spine (scoliosis). If your child has not had this screening as part of his/her annual physical examinations, the screening is done by a nurse practitioner. If your child has a possible problem, you will be contacted promptly; otherwise, you will not hear from us. If you have your physician do the screening, please have it noted on the report.

The Washingtonville Central School District is committed to the intellectual, cultural, physical and emotional growth of our children in a safe and supportive environment.

IMMUNIZATIONS

NYS Public Health Law requires that all children be fully immunized. For the **2018-2019 School Year** the requirements for school entrance/attendance are as follows:

	<u>Pre-K</u>	<u>Kgn</u>	<u>Gr. 1-5</u>	<u>Gr 6-12</u>	
<u>MMR</u>	1 dose	2 doses	2 doses	2 doses	
<u>Hep B</u>	3 doses	3 doses	3 doses	3 doses	
<u>Hib</u>	1-4 doses	N/A	N/A	N/A	
<u>PCV</u>	1-4 doses	N/A	N/A	N/A	
<u>Tdap</u>	N/A	N/A	N/A	1 dose	
	<u>Pre-K</u>	<u>Kgn-Gr 4</u>	<u>Gr. 5</u>	<u>Gr.6-10</u>	<u>Gr.11-12</u>
<u>DTap/DTP/Tdap</u>	4 doses	4-5 doses	4-5 doses	3 doses	3 doses
<u>IPV/OPV</u>	3 doses	4 doses	3 doses	3-4 dose	3 doses
<u>Meningococcal</u>	N/A	N/A	N/A	1 dose By Gr 7	2 doses By Gr 12
<u>Varicella</u>	1 dose	2 doses	1 dose	2 doses	1 dose

Immunizations are available from your family physician as well as free clinics sponsored by the Orange County Health Department. Children who do not have the required immunizations may be excluded from school.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION EXCUSES

State Education Law requires that all children take part in physical education unless a health problem makes this inadvisable. A note from a physician, to be renewed yearly, is necessary for a child to be excused from this requirement. Written parental requests will be honored for one or two class sessions, but periodic or repeated excuses require medical validation in the interest of the pupil's health.

MEDICATION IN SCHOOL

Under certain unusual circumstances, when it is necessary for a child to take medication during school hours, the nurse will cooperate with the family physician and the parents. If the parent submits a written request, and it is accompanied by a written request from the family physician in which he indicates the name, frequency, dosage and duration of a prescribed medication, then the School Nurse may administer the medication during school hours. **This note must be renewed each year at the beginning of the school year.** All medication taken in school must come to the Health Office in its original container and will be taken under the nurse's supervision. **The medication must be delivered to the nurse by the parent.**

Internet Resource: New York Statewide School Health Service Center
www.nyschoolhealthservicesny.com