

HEALTH PACKET LETTER FOR NEW SCHOOL YEAR

HEALTH EXAMINATION CERTIFICATES ARE REQUIRED by the New York State Department of Education to be on file in the health office **within 30 days** of entrance into school. It must be performed by a doctor, physician assistant or nurse practitioner licensed to practice in New York State. Grades M or K, 1, 3, 5, 7 and all new entrants regardless of age or grade are required to have a physical. **FOR STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN SPORTS**, the certificate must remain valid at all times. For sports, the certificate is **not** valid after one year.

IMMUNIZATION RECORDS ARE REQUIRED by the New York State Department of Education to be up to date (meaning all immunizations for the grade have been met) and on file in the school Health Office within 14 days of entrance to school. Any student not meeting this requirement should be excluded from school.

The New York State Department of Health can and will audit schools, without notice, for compliance. Schools found not in compliance can be heavily fined. These laws are made for the health and safety of our students, and also benefit the staff and school community. Parochial, private and public schools are all held to the same standards.

BELOW – INFORMATION TO HELP WITH MEETING THESE REQUIREMENTS:

STUDENT _____ For Grade _____

Immunizations needed– MR HepB Varicella DTP IPV Meningococcal Tdap Booster

OTHER _____

Medication in School Authorization (completed by doctor) _____

Individual Emergency Care Plan (IEMP) (completed by parent/guardian) _____

Some doctor's offices have their own health forms. If you are in need of a form it can be found online at Lew-Port.com under District Services tab then Health Services tab. There you can also find immunization requirements and other health information forms including forms for the administration of **medication in school** which must be signed by BOTH you and the doctor. **This pertains to all medications including over the counter medications.** Any medication not meeting this requirement will be locked in the office until such paperwork is turned in. **Parents/guardians must bring the medication to the school office. Medication must not be expired. For the safety of your child, please bring emergency medications such as inhalers and Epi Pens on the first day of school with the required paperwork.** Your cooperation is crucial in accomplishing our mission of making this school a healthy and safe place for your child to learn and grow. Please contact me through the school office with any questions.

Thank you,

School Nurse