

## 2016-2017 School Entry Requirements – Do Not Wait, Prepare Now!

Principals,

Prior to the start of a new school year, it is critical that all students meet school health entry requirements. Per Florida Statutes 1003.22, 402.305, 402.313, Florida Administrative Code Rule 64D-3.011 and 64D-3.046, every student must have completed a school health exams/physicals and have received all required immunizations. Please see the information below and the attached documents for information related to these requirements.

School health exams/physicals must be completed for all students new to a State of Florida school. All medical professionals eligible to conduct a school physical have access to the appropriate form that must be used to record the health exam/physical, and the completed form must be turned in to school. A sample **School Health Entry Exam form (DH3040-CHP-07/2013)** is available on the district website at <http://www.duvalschools.org/Page/14089>. If a student registers for a DCPS school from another state, they may submit documentation indicating a physical was conducted within the last 12 months **and** it must meet State of Florida requirements. If the out-of-state school health exam/physical form does not meet either of the necessary criteria, the student must receive a new physical and submit a new health exam form to the school. In this case, the school can grant up to a 30 day grace period to allow the student time to receive the new health exam/physical and start the school year. A new Pre-K, Kindergarten or new student entering any other grade level, who has never completed a health exam/physical cannot enter school until the proper documentation has been submitted to the school.

Immunizations must be administered to students according to the State of Florida Immunization Requirement Guidelines, which are updated each year. These immunizations are critical the overall health of our school communities. Attached you will find the schedule of immunizations associated with various grade levels. Immunizations **must** be recorded on the appropriate form (DH680-07/2010). A sample **Florida Certificate of Immunization form (DH680-07/2010)** is also available on the district website at <http://www.duvalschools.org/Page/14089>. Medical professionals administering immunizations have access to the correct forms and can provide them to families to turn in to schools.

It is **highly recommended** that students meet all immunization requirements before being admitted to school. If a school allows a student to start school without all the required immunizations, the student must submit a Temporary Exemption form to the school. A valid Temporary Exemption form can only be obtained from a medical professional. At a minimum, the immunizations listed below **must** be administered for a student to be eligible to start school. Once the temporary exemption is granted, the school staff and Department of Health – Duval school nurses will monitor the progress of these students as they continue to receive required immunizations until all student health records are in compliance.

### **Minimum Immunization Requirements for entry into any State of Florida school:**

One Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis (DTaP)

One Polio,

One Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR),

One Hepatitis B,

One Varicella

If you have specific questions related to required school entry health exams/physicals or immunizations, please discuss with your Department of Health – Duval (DOH-D) school nurse or contact the DOH-D, School Health Services office at 253-1580.