

Christopher Columbus Charter School Health Care Policy

All students are entitled to health services by the school nurse as well as mandated screenings. The school nurse shall adhere to nursing standards and the nurse practice act. The school nurse cares for illnesses and injuries that occur in the school setting. Parents /guardians will be notified in the event of an emergency and/or if a child needs to go home due to illness/injury. The school nurse is available to parents/guardians to assist with health issues that occur outside the school setting within the scope of his/her nursing practice.

Students with health issues will have an Individualized Healthcare Plan (IHP), which will reflect his/her specific needs. Medications shall be administered as prescribed by a health care provider in a timely manner. The medication policies are available on the school website and in accordance with the School District of Philadelphia. Health records will be maintained in the Health Office and in accordance with HIPAA regulations.

Immunization Requirements

All Grades K-12

In accordance with the Pennsylvania Department of Health
and the Philadelphia Department of Public Health
For School Entry

VACCINES ARE REQUIRED ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!

- A Child must have at least one dose of all vaccinations or risk exclusion.
- A Child may have a documented medical, religious, or philosophical exemption from these vaccinations however exempt children may be excluded from school during an outbreak of a vaccine preventable disease.
- If a child does not have all the required doses, needs and the next does an it is not medically appropriate, the child must provide a medical plan (from their physician) within the first five days of school or risk exclusion. The medical plan must indicate when the remaining doses will be given.

ALL GRADES

The following immunizations are required:

- 4 doses of diphtheria, tetanus, and acellular pertussis (DTaP)
(1 dose must be on or after 4th birthday)
- 4 doses of polio (IPV)
(4th dose must be on or after 4th birthday)
- 2 doses of measles, mumps and rubella (MMR)
- 3 doses of hepatitis B
- 2 doses of varicella (chickenpox) or evidence of immunity
(documented history of chickenpox or antibody titer)

GRADES 7

- 1 dose of tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap)
- 1 dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV4)

***ZERO DAY GRACE PERIOD

The additional immunizations for grades 7, they must be completed prior to the first day of school or THE STUDENT WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO BEGIN SCHOOL (they are first doses)

New Physicals are required for:

- Incoming Kindergarten students
- New or transferred students
- All 6th grade students

Medication Policy

No medication will be administered in school except by direct order of the family physician. Any child who is to receive medication during school hours must have a form completed by the physician with explicit directions as to medication, dosage, time of administration and possible side effects. No child may bring (aspirin, Motrin, etc.) medication to school and administer it to him/herself. Students MUST bring all types of medications and treatments to the nurse, and all should be administered by the nurse, health technician or designee.

All medication must be in the original packaging (no envelopes or baggies)

This policy also applies to over-the-counter medication, ointments, cough drops, etc.... Failure to cooperate with this policy may result in disciplinary consequences.

School services and mandated programs provided by the school nurse:

- All grades are provided with school health services.
- Maintenance of all medical records and immunizations.
- Dental screenings are offered to grades 1, 3 and 7 (who have not had their required private dental screening).
- All students are provided a growth screen.
- Hearing screen provided to grades K, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 7th.
- Scoliosis screen for Grade 7 (and 6th graders who were not screened on their private mandated physical).
- All grades are provided Near and Far visual acuity tests.
- Vision screen-convex lens test (Plus Lens) provided to 1st grade.
- Vision screen-color vision test provided to 2nd grade.
- Vision screen- stereo /depth perception test provided to 2nd grade.

Special examinations

Children who appear to the teacher, nurse, counselor, or specialist to deviate from their normal growth and development pattern shall be reported to the parents or guardians who shall be requested to have the children examined by their family physician and/or family dentist. The results of these examinations shall be reported to the school. If the children are not examined within a reasonable length of time and their growth and development pattern continues to deviate from normal, the nurse shall arrange special school examinations for these children.

The volunteer **school physician** is available to students whose family is experiencing financial hardship and/or students without health insurance.

The school utilizes a free **dental program** for screening for required grades.

Scoliosis screening.

- (a) Pupils to be tested. A scoliosis screening test shall be administered to students in grade six and grade seven and to age-appropriate students in ungraded classes.
- (b) Pupils in grade six who are required to have a new physical may have their screening done by their health care provider.

Tuberculosis Testing

Pupils to be tested. A test for tuberculosis shall be required upon original entry into school however many Health care providers opt to decline testing and evaluation will read "no risk"

School Staff Requirements

The Pennsylvania Public School Code, Section 1418(b) requires that school personnel be tested for TB. School personnel to be tested include employees and independent contractors who provide direct services to students on behalf of a school, including but not limited to teachers, nurses, administrators, physicians, dentists, dental hygienists, custodians, janitors, cooks, cafeteria workers, bus drivers, librarians, psychologists, audiologists and counselors, and student teachers and volunteers. The Department of Health defines "direct services" as those persons in direct contact with students 10 or more hours/week. The law does not contain a provision to allow modifications for school staff/volunteers. They must be tested "prior to working for the school."

