

TO: Parents/Guardians
FROM: Kathleen Butterini School Nurse
SUBJECT: Physical Examinations

School Law of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania mandates medical examinations for children on entry into school (kindergarten or first grade), grade 6, grade 11 and any new student who has not submitted a medical examination report. These grades were selected because they represent critical periods of growth and development.

The recommendation is that the exam be performed by your family physician. If you cannot afford a private examination the school nurse will make arrangements for the school medical examiner to perform the examination. You are encouraged to attend the examination. A student who presents a statement that a medical examination is contrary to his or her religious beliefs will be examined only when the Secretary of Health determines that the student is a menace to the health of others. If you need information on free or reduced cost health insurance please contact the school nurse.

The form can be downloaded from the nurse's web page. Please have your family physician complete the examination as your child enters the designated grade. Due to insurance regulations, the physical will be accepted one year before or after the request.

If your 10th or 11th grader has had a physical examination during the past year for a drivers license, work permit, or for any other reason, we can accept your verbal statement that your child has been seen by a physician. Please contact me at 412-366-6360 Ext 1610 for questions or to provide the date of the exam.