

Dear
Parent/Guardian,

As a student entering school in Nebraska for the first time, there are three requirements that must be met to be in compliance with Nebraska state law.

1) Physical Examination

Students enrolling in kindergarten, beginner grade, or students transferring to any grade in the district from out of state shall have a physical examination by a licensed physician, physician's assistant or nurse practitioner within six months prior to the entrance and provide proof of such an examination to the school district.

A physical form stating the results of a physical examination and signed by a physician, physician assistant, or an advanced practice registered nurse, **must be on file before the first day of school** at **Conestoga Public Schools**. **Please complete the attached physical form and return prior to attending school.**

2) Vision Evaluation

Students entering school for the first time, including kindergarteners and transfer students from out of state, will be required to provide proof of a vision evaluation taken within six months prior to the student's entrance.

The vision evaluation is required to test for amblyopia (lazy eye) and strabismus (misalignment of the eyes), which are two of the most common vision disorders in young children, as well as internal and external eye health and visual acuity. A certificate or form stating results of the evaluation must be signed by an optometrist, ophthalmologist, physician, physician assistant or advanced practice registered nurse. **Please return the attached Vision Evaluation form signed by a healthcare professional to our school prior to admission.** *Although the importance of this evaluation may be critical to your student's education, parents may choose to not comply with the requirement by signing the attached waiver.* Several resources may be available to assist families in paying for this evaluation. If assistance is needed in finding funding for this vision evaluation, please contact your school.

3) Immunizations

Students enrolling in the school district shall also submit proof of immunization against measles, mumps, rubella, poliomyelitis, diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, hepatitis B and chickenpox (varicella) as required by law. The student may be admitted provisionally to the school if the student has not yet completed the immunization process but is in the process of doing so. See DHHS website, dhhs.ne.gov for immunization requirements. **Failure to meet the immunization requirement will be grounds for suspension, expulsion, or denial of admission.**

Asthma /Anaphylaxis Protocol

Nebraska State Law also allows for certified Response Teams to provide medication per protocol to a student should he/she experience a life threatening asthma or anaphylaxis attack. In an effort to be prepared to meet the needs of students at risk for such an episode, please discuss this with your doctor during the physical and if necessary, complete the attached Asthma/Anaphylaxis Plan. **Students with a known risk are required to supply their own Emergency Medications.**