



McLean County Unit District No. 5

1809 West Hovey Avenue

Normal, IL 61761-4339

Dear Parent or Guardian:

A [Certificate of Child Health Examination](#) form **must** be completed **BEFORE** your student can begin **SIXTH** grade. On the back of this letter are the State of Illinois physical and immunization requirements.

PLEASE turn in the completed form by Thursday, August 7, 2025

You may email this form to Mrs. O'Brien, mail it to: 303 Kingsley St., Normal, IL 61761 or add it to our 24-hour, secure drop box by the Kingsley front door. The front door is located on Kingsley Street near the flagpole.

If the completed form is not on file at the school before the first day, **your child will not be allowed to attend class.** We highly recommend that you turn in the completed form as soon as possible.

Please take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with all parts of this certificate and be sure BOTH sides are filled out completely. It will be accepted by the school only when all three sections are completed & include all mandated requirements. We recommend you keep a copy of the physical for your own records.

1. **IMMUNIZATIONS** – to be completed by a health-care provider. When any immunization is given, it must be verified by a signature and dated **ONLY** by a doctor, nurse or other health-care provider.
2. **HEALTH HISTORY** – to be completed by the parent or guardian, signed and dated.
3. **PHYSICAL EXAMINATION** – The examination may be performed by physicians licensed to practice medicine in all of its branches, advanced practice nurses who have a written collaborative agreement with a collaborating physician which authorizes them to perform health examinations, or physician assistants who have been delegated the performance of health examinations by their supervising physician. The physical examination, not a sports physical, may be completed any time within one calendar year prior to the first day of school.

Please also be aware that a **DENTAL EXAM** is required by the State of Illinois for those students entering **SIXTH** grade. It is due May 15, 2026, and is not required for your child to begin school in the fall.

Unit 5 has a “**1st Day Exclusion**” policy for physical exams and immunizations. This means your child’s new physical exam, not a sports physical, and all current immunizations must be on file at the school **BEFORE** they can start school in August 2025.

Sincerely,

Jennifer O'Brien

Kingsley Jr. High Nurse

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Vaccine	<p align="center">Minimum Immunization Requirements for students entering 6th - 8th Grade in Fall 2025</p> <p align="center">Per Child Health Examination Code/Part 665, Immunization Code/Part 695, Public Act 095-0159 Prepared by: Illinois Department of Public Health Immunization Section.</p>	<p align="center">Minimum Intervals Allowed Between Doses and Other Options for Proof of Immunity</p>
DTP/DTaP/ or Tdap, Td (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis)	Three or more doses of DTP/DTaP or Td; with the last dose qualifying as a booster if received on or after the 4 th birthday AND For students aged 11-12 entering 6th grade, 1 dose of Tdap	Minimum intervals between series doses: 4 weeks (28 days) Between series and booster: 6 months No proof of immunity allowed
Polio	Three or more doses of Polio with the last dose qualifying as a booster and received on or after the 4 th birthday. *If the series is given in any combination of polio vaccine types, 4 or more doses are required with the last being a booster on or after the 4 th birthday.	Minimum interval between series doses: 4 weeks (28 days) Booster doses: 1 after the 4 th birthday. No proof of immunity allowed
Measles	Two doses of Measles Vaccine, the 1 st dose must have been received on after the 1 st birthday and the second dose no less than 4 weeks (28 days) later.	<i>Laboratory evidence of measles immunity</i> OR Certified physician verification* of measles disease by date of illness *Cases diagnosed after 7/1/2002 must include lab evidence
Rubella	Two doses of Rubella Vaccine, the 1 st dose must have been received on after the 1 st birthday and the second dose no less than 4 weeks (28 days) later.	<i>Laboratory evidence of rubella immunity</i> History of disease is not acceptable proof of immunity to rubella
Mumps	Two doses of Mumps Vaccine, the 1 st dose must have been received on after the 1 st birthday and the second dose no less than 4 weeks (28 days) later.	<i>Laboratory evidence of mumps immunity OR Certified physician verification of mumps disease by date of illness</i>
Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine	<p align="center">1 dose of Meningococcal Vaccine</p>	Minimum intervals for administration: The first dose received on or after the 11th birthday; second dose at least eight weeks after the 1st dose. No proof of immunity allowed.
Hepatitis B	<p align="center">3 doses of Hepatitis B Vaccine administered at recommended intervals OR 2 doses Adult Recombivax-HB for ages 11 – 15.</p>	Minimum intervals between doses: 1 & 2- at least 4 weeks (28 days) 2 & 3 - at least 2 months (56 days) 1 & 3 - at least 4 months (112 days) <i>Adult Recombivax-HB: 2 doses separated by 4 months (112 days). Must start & finish series between 11-15.</i>
Varicella	<p align="center">2 doses of Varicella Vaccine,</p>	Minimum intervals for administration: The 1 st dose must have been received on or after the 1 st birthday and the second dose no less than 4 weeks (28 days) later. Statement from physician or health care provider verifying disease history OR <i>Laboratory evidence of varicella immunity</i>

*Per ACIP recommendations, vaccine doses given up to four days before minimum interval or age can be counted as valid. However, this does not apply to intervals between live vaccines. **Live vaccines** shall not be given fewer than 28 days after receipt of a prior live vaccine.

Per Illinois law: All students entering 6th grade must show proof of having a physical examination within one calendar year prior to the 1st day of school. The examination must be reported on State of Illinois Certificate of Child Health Examination form (dated 11/2015 on bottom left corner); it must include a complete immunization record and health history (completed and signed by the parent, then verified by the health care provider).

This physical exam must be turned in **prior** to the 1st day of school.

***Please note -A Sports Physical reported on an IESA form is NOT acceptable as a school physical examination. A school physical is acceptable for school & IESA sports..**

Per Illinois law: All children in 6th grade shall present proof of a dental exam prior to MAY 15th of the school year.

*Section 27-8.1 of the Illinois School Code states: "If a child does not comply then the **LOCAL SCHOOL AUTHORITY SHALL EXCLUDE THAT CHILD FROM SCHOOL** until such time as the child presents proof of having had either the health examination or those required immunizations which are medically possible to receive immediately."

*Parents or guardians who object to health examinations or immunizations on religious grounds must present an official Certificate of Religious Exemption signed by a health care provider. If a child cannot be fully immunized because of health reasons (medical contraindication), the physician must provide the school with a signed statement.

*In the event of one diagnosed case of a communicable disease such as measles or polio, any student who is not protected by immunization shall be immediately excluded from school. This exclusion shall be in effect for the required number of days (determined by the local health department) following the last reported case or until the student can show proof of immunity.