

**Maryland Schools
Record of
Physical Examination**

To Parents or Guardians:

In order for your child to enter a Maryland Public school for the first time, the following are required:

- ***A physical examination by a physician or certified nurse practitioner must be completed within nine months prior to entering the public school system or within six months after entering the system. A Physical Examination form designated by the Maryland State Department of Education and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall be used to meet this requirement.***
[\(http://www.dsd.state.md.us/comar/13a/13a.05.05.07.htm\)](http://www.dsd.state.md.us/comar/13a/13a.05.05.07.htm)
- ***Evidence of complete primary immunizations against certain childhood communicable diseases is required for all students in preschool through the twelfth grade. A Maryland Immunization Certification form for newly enrolling students may be obtained from the local health department or from school personnel. The immunization certification form (DHMH 896) or a printed or a computer generated immunization record form and the required immunizations must be completed before a child may attend school. This form can be found at:***
[\(http://www.edcp.org/pdf/DHMH896new.pdf\)](http://www.edcp.org/pdf/DHMH896new.pdf)
- ***Evidence of blood testing is required for all students who reside in a designated at risk area when first entering Pre-kindergarten, Kindergarten, and 1st grade. The blood-lead testing certificate (DHMH 4620) (or another written document signed by a Health Care Practitioner) shall be used to meet this requirement. This form can be found at:***
[\(http://www.fha.state.md.us/och/pdf/MarylandDHMHBloodLeadTestingCertificateDHMH4620.pdf\)](http://www.fha.state.md.us/och/pdf/MarylandDHMHBloodLeadTestingCertificateDHMH4620.pdf)

Exemptions from a physical examination and immunizations are permitted if they are contrary to a students' or family's religious beliefs. Students may also be exempted from immunization requirements if a physician/nurse practitioner or health department official certifies that there is a medical reason not to receive a vaccine. Exemptions from Blood-Lead testing is permitted if it is contrary to a families religious beliefs and practices. The Blood- lead certificate must be signed by a Health Care Practitioner stating a questionnaire was done.

The health information on this form will be available only to those health and education personnel who have a legitimate educational interest in your child.

Please complete Part I of this Physical Examination form. Part II must be completed by a physician or nurse practitioner, or a copy of your child's physical examination must be attached to this form.

If your child requires medication to be administered in school, you must have the physician complete a medication administration form for each medication. This form can be obtained at <http://www.marylandpublicschools.org/NR/rdonlyres/8D9E900E-13A9-4700-9AA8-5529C5F4C749/3341/medicationform404.pdf>. If you do not have access to a physician or nurse practitioner or if your child requires a special individualized health procedure, please contact the principal and/or school nurse in your child's school.

Maryland State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Maryland State Department of Education

Records Retention - This form must be retained in the school record until the student is age 21.