Immunizations and Health Examination

**Immunization Records** - California law requires children to be immunized. You will need to provide immunization records for your child upon enrollment. A chart of California immunization requirements is included in the Kindergarten Packet. All children under eighteen years of age that enter a California public or private elementary or secondary school for the first time or transfer between schools must present a written immunization record that includes at least the month and year of receipt of each dose of required vaccines (or an exemption to the immunization requirements). Otherwise, the child will not be allowed to attend school.

Children are exempt from immunization requirements only if a parent or guardian submits a written statement from a licensed physician (M.D. or D.O.) which states:

- That the physical condition or medical circumstances of the child are such that the required immunization(s) is not indicated
- Which vaccines are being exempted
- Whether the medical exemption is permanent or temporary
- The expiration date, if the exemption is temporary

**REPORT OF HEALTH EXAMINATION FOR SCHOOL ENTRY** - To protect the health of children, California law requires a health examination on school entry. The Report of Health Examination for School Entry form is included in the Kindergarten Packet. Please have this report filled out by a health examiner and return it to the school. The school will keep and maintain it as confidential information.

Parents may waive the health checkup requirement because they do not want to or are unable to obtain a health screening for their child. If the waiver indicates that the parents were unable to obtain such services, the reasons must be included in the waiver. Health Examination waivers can be obtained through the school’s health office.

**Oral Health Assessment** - To make sure your child is ready for school, California law, Education Code Section 49452.8, now requires that your child have an oral health assessment (dental check-up) by May 31 in either kindergarten or first grade, whichever is his or her first year in public school. Assessments that have happened within the 12 months before your child enters school also meet this requirement. Oral Assessment forms and related information are included in the Kindergarten Packet.