

**Information Regarding the New 2018-19
Health Exam & Screening**

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

This letter is to inform you of revisions to NYS School Health Service Regulations effective July 1, 2018.

- Health examinations will be required for new entrants and in grades Pre-K or K, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11.
- Vision screening for color perception, distance, and near vision acuity will be required for new entrants within 6 months of admission to school.
- Distance and near vision acuity will be required in grades Pre K or K, 1, 3, 5, 7, and 11.
- Hearing screening utilizing pure tone testing will be required for new entrants within 6 months of admission to school and in grades Pre K or K, 1, 3, 5, 7, and 11
- Scoliosis screening will be required in grades 5 and 7 for girls and grade 9 for boys.
- Changes for screening grades are not effective until 7/1/18 and will not be implemented until the 2018-2019 school year.

What You Need To Know

- 2018-2019 is a transition year and any health exam form or one approved by your district and signed by a NYS Physician, Nurse Practitioner, or Physician Assistant may be accepted.
- In 2019-2020 school year, **ONLY** the approved NYSED form will be accepted.
- NYSCSH has created sample letters which may be used to notify parents/guardians and health care providers regarding the changes. We encourage you to use the 2018-19 school year to inform and support parents and providers in making these changes.
- The NYSDOH will amend the BMI Reporting to align with the new grade levels, further information will be forth coming.

Sincerely,

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