

School Vaccination and Health Requirements

ATTENTION PARENTS:

The Pennsylvania Department of Health requires that <u>all</u> students attending public and private schools submit evidence from a physician that they have received the immunizations listed below. (School Immunization - 28 Pa. CODE CH.23)

Please present a copy of immunization book, clinic record or physician's record to Eden's Admission Department at the time of application to Eden Christian Academy. The school nurse will examine the record and inform you whether your child needs any further immunizations. Documentation must be received by Eden Christian Academy before the student is permitted to attend school. NO EXCEPTIONS.

The required immunizations for students in all grades K through 12th, are as follows:

- 4 doses of polio (4th dose on or after 4th birthday and at least 6 months after previous dose given)
- 4 doses of tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis (4th dose on or after 4th birthday and at least 6 months after previous dose given)
- 2 doses of measles, mumps, rubella (usually given as MMR)
- 3 doses of hepatitis B
- 2 doses of varicella (chickenpox) or evidence of immunity
- Documentation of Lead Testing for all incoming Kindergarten students

Children in grade 7 need:

- 1 dose of tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap) before the first day of 7th grade
- 1 dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV) before the first day of 7th grade

Children in grade 12 need:

• One dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV) unless first dose was given at 16 years of age or older

(Note: The vaccines required for entrance, 7th and 12th grade continue to be required in each succeeding school year.)

Pre-Kindergarten students must have all age appropriate immunizations to enter school.

The Allegheny County Health Department provides low or no cost immunizations to students with no insurance or insurance that does not cover immunizations. Call **(412) 687-2243** for more information.

Immunization Records may be faxed to Eden Christian Academy at (412) 364-8330.

The only exception to the PA School Laws for Immunizations are for medical reasons or moral/religious beliefs. It is mandatory that an exemption note be provided to the school with required physician's signature (for medical exemptions) and parent/guardian signature (for moral/religious exemptions). If your child is exempt from immunizations, he or she may be removed from school during an outbreak.

Additionally, students in the following grades are also required to provide an updated **PHYSICAL** and/or **DENTAL EXAMINATION** to the school nurse prior to the start of school:

- PHYSICAL EXAMINATION All students entering grades Kindergarten, 6th and 11th
 In addition, all students new to Eden must submit a Physician's Physical Examination Report to the appropriate school office (elementary or upper school) prior to the start of the school year.
- DENTAL EXAMINATION All students entering grades Kindergarten, 3 and 7
 In addition, all students new to Eden must submit a Dental Examination Report to the appropriate school office (elementary or upper school) prior to the start of the school year.