

# **SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## **AGE REQUIREMENTS & MEDICAL VERIFICATION**

### **Age Requirements**

The age requirement for Kindergarten admittance is five (5) years, zero (0) months on or before (8/31) August 31<sup>st</sup> of the year of enrollment. The age requirement for first grade admittance is six (6) years, zero (0) months on or before (8/31) August 31<sup>st</sup> of the year of enrollment (Board approved: December 10, 1987). A student who has attended kindergarten or first grade in another public school district and is transferring to the Springfield School District will be accepted even if he/she does not meet Springfield's age requirement. The student must have completed the first marking period or a minimum of forty-five (45) days in the previous public school district. Springfield's age requirement applies for students who attended a private or parochial Kindergarten program and want to attend first grade at Springfield.

### **Physical and Dental Exams**

A physical and dental exam, which has been given within one (1) year of enrollment, is required for kindergarten or first grade students enrolling in school for the first time. The State of Pennsylvania requires students entering sixth and eleventh grade to submit a physical form from a licensed PA Physician which has been completed within one (1) school year and immunization records.

### **Immunization Records (fact sheet on reverse)**

The following inoculations are required according to Pennsylvania State law for all students:

- Four (4) doses of tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis\* (1 dose on or after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday)
- Four (4) doses of polio (4<sup>th</sup> dose on or after 4<sup>th</sup> birthday and at least 6 months after previous dose given)\*\*
- Two (2) doses of measles, mumps, rubella\*\*\*
- Three (3) doses of hepatitis B
- Two (2) doses of varicella (chickenpox) or evidence of immunity

*\*Usually given as DTP or DTap or if medically advisable, DT or Td*

*\*\*A fourth dose is not necessary if the third dose was administered at age 4 years or older and at least 6 months after the previous dose*

*\*\*\*Usually given as MMR*

Children in 7<sup>th</sup> grade will also need the following inoculations:

- One (1) dose of tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap) on the first day of 7<sup>th</sup> grade
- One (1) dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV) on the first day of 7<sup>th</sup> grade

Children in 12<sup>th</sup> grade will also need the following inoculations:

- One (1) dose of MCV on the first day of 12<sup>th</sup> grade. If one dose was given at 16 years of age or older, that shall count as the 12<sup>th</sup> grade dose.

### **Immunization Exemption**

If you have chosen to withhold or delay immunizations for your school age child(ren), you must submit a letter stating the reason for the exemption. These requirements allow for the following exemptions: medical reason, religious beliefs, or philosophical/strong moral or ethical conviction. Even if your child is exempt from immunizations, he or she may be excluded from school during an outbreak of vaccine preventable disease.