

Greenwich Central School District

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The district's school health services program supports your child's academic success by promoting health in the school setting. One way that we provide care for your child is by performing the health screenings as mandated by the State of New York.

During this school year, the following screenings will be required and/or completed at school: Please note this is the HS schedule only.

Vision

- Distance acuity/near vision for all newly entering students and students in Grades 7 and 11.
- Near vision acuity and color perception screening for all newly entering students.
- Scheduled Screening: **October, 2018**

Hearing

- Hearing screening for all newly entering students and students in Grades 7 and 11.
- Scheduled Screening: **October, 2018**

Scoliosis

- Scoliosis (spinal curvature) screening for girls in grade 7 and boys in grade 9.
- Scheduled Screening: **March, 2019**

Health Appraisals

- A physical examination including Body Mass Index and Weight Status Category Information is required for all newly entering students and students Grades 7, 9 and 11.
- A SPORTS PHYSICAL CAN BE USED TO MEET THIS REQUIREMENT

Dental Certificates

- A dental certificate is requested for all newly entering students and students in Grades 7 and 11.

New York State law requires a health examination for all students **entering the Greenwich Central school district for the first time and when entering 7th, 9th and 11th grade.** The examination must be completed by a New York State licensed physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner and their Body Mass Index (BMI) calculated. **Per new NYS law, this physical MUST be completed on the new health form provided in this packet.**

A law was enacted that expands health screenings to include the dental health of students in New York State. When we require your child to have a physical examination, we will now be requesting a dental certificate. There is a sample certificate available for you to take to your child's dentist and once it is completed, it should be returned to the School Nurse as it will be filed in your child's Cumulative Health Record.

- A copy of the health examination must be provided to the school **within 30 days** from when your child first starts school, and when your child first starts 7th, 9th and 11th grades. This examination should be done with your child's primary care physician to maintain health care consistency and keep up to date with changing immunization requirements.
- If your child has an appointment for an exam during the school year that is within or after the first 30 days of school, please notify the Health Office with the date.
- For your convenience, a physical exam form and student health assessment form is enclosed.
- Communication between private and school health staff is important for safe and effective care at school. Your healthcare provider may not share health information with school health staff without your signed permission. Please talk to your provider about signing their consent form so records can be faxed to the school at the time of your child's appointment.
- If your child has already had a physical to meet the interscholastic sports requirement this can also be used toward the mandated physical. There is no need to have another physical exam.

We suggest you make copies of the completed forms for your own records before sending them to the school health office.

A letter will be sent home if there are any findings on the screenings done at school that would cause concern or need for medical follow-up. Please do not hesitate to call the high school health office with any questions.

Sincerely,

Karen Strobe, R.N.
High School Nurse