

## **Information for Public Schools Regarding Changes in Health Examination and Screening Requirement Effective 7/1/2018**

The information below was created to assist public schools to provide a smooth transition in implementing new grade levels for required Health Examinations and Hearing, Scoliosis, and Vision Screenings.

### **Changes Effective 7/1/2018**

1. Section 136.3 regarding Health Examinations and Screenings will change. The new regulations for health examinations for attendance will be required for new entrants and in **grades Pre-K or K, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11.**
2. The new regulations in vision and hearing screenings will be required within 6 months of admission to school and in **grades Pre-K or K, 1, 3, 5, 7, and 11.** Scoliosis screenings will be required for **girls in grades 5 and 7** and for **boys in grade 9.**
3. The only form that may be used to document health examinations for students attending public school is the approved form titled; **NYSED (New York State Education Department) Student Health Examination Form.**
4. The examination must be completed by a New York State licensed physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner and on the approved NYSED Student Health Examination Form for School.
5. The new NYS School Health Examination Form is not required for physicals done prior to 7/1/18.
  - To assist with the transition, during the 2018-2019 school year schools may accept any health examination form provided.
  - In **2019-2020 ONLY** the approved form will be accepted.
  - The Approved NYSED Student Health Examination Form for School is available at the School Nurses Office.

A copy of the health examination must be provided to the school within **30 days** from when your child first starts at the school, and when your child starts Pre-K or K, 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup> grades. If a copy is not received within that 30 day period you will be contacted.

6. A dental certificate which states your child has been seen by a dentist or dental hygienist is also asked for at the same time. The school will provide you with a list of dentists and registered dental hygienists who offer dental services on a free or reduced cost basis if you ask for it.