

# HEALTH MEMO

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## **\*\*\*Birth Certificates Required\*\*\***

**Please note that students will not be considered enrolled without an official birth certificate!**

## **Physical Exams and Immunizations Required**

Proof of a physical exam is required for **all new students entering Calvary Academy, as well as sixth and ninth grade students**. Physicals must be completed by a licensed medical doctor. All students must meet Illinois immunization requirements. Requirements may be obtained from your medical doctor.

**Students participating in IESA or IHSA athletic activities must have an annual athletic physical. Students are not allowed to practice without a physical form on record.**

## **Eye Exams Required**

**Public Act 095-0671** (Comprehensive Eye Exams)

As of January 1, 2008, **all parents have until October 15 to provide proof of an eye exam for their student**. This law requires a comprehensive eye exam **for children entering kindergarten or enrolling for the first time in public, private, or parochial elementary schools in Illinois**. Children will be required to have the eye exam performed only by qualified eye doctors – such as optometrists and ophthalmologists.

## **Dental Exams Required**

**Public Act 093-0946** (Health Examinations and Immunizations) As of July 1, 2005 this act was amended to include dental health exams. **This includes all children in Kindergarten, 2nd grade and 6th grade of any public, private or parochial school**. Each of the children shall present proof on the appropriate form of having been examined by a dentist **before May 15** of the school year. If a child in grade 2 and 6 fails to present proof by May 15 then the school may hold the child's report card until one of the following occurs:

- The child presents proof of a completed dental examination.
- The child presents proof that a dental examination will take place within 60 days after May 15.
- Or the parents obtain a waiver from the Department of Public Health or provide objection to the dental examination on religious grounds.

The Illinois Department of Public Health shall establish a waiver for children who show an undue burden or a lack of access to a dentist.

Each public, private, and parochial school must give notice of this dental examination requirement to the parents and guardians of students at least 60 days before May 15 of each school year.

Every school shall report to the State Board of Education by June 30, in the manner that the State Board requires, the number of children who have received the required dental examination, indicating, of those who have not received the required dental examination, the number of children who are exempt from the dental examination on religious grounds and the number of children who have received a waiver.

## **Hearing and Vision Screening**

Students from varying grades are tested in Hearing and Vision each year. Pursuant to Public Act 93-0504, the vision screening is not a substitute for a complete eye and vision evaluation by an eye doctor. Children are not required to undergo the vision screening if an optometrist or ophthalmologist has completed and signed a report form indicating that an examination has been administered.

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