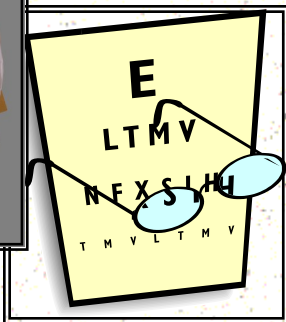


Physical Examinations

1. The Dartmouth Public Schools follow regulations set by the Department of Public Health that all school children must have a comprehensive physical examination done by a family physician prior to entering preschool and kindergarten.
2. A physical examination is mandatory each year prior to participation in any sport. Physicals are offered to athletes before each season at the high school. If a physical is given by the athlete's doctor, it must be dated as of July 1st for that year.
3. The Department of Public Health also recommends that students have a physical examination by a family physician before entering Grades 3, 6, and 9.



MA Dept. of Public Health Immunization Program Immunizations Required for Admission

By Two Years Old:

3 Doses of Hep B
4 Doses of DTap/DTP
3 Doses of Polio
4 Doses of Hib
1 Dose of MMR
1 Dose of Varicella
Proof of Lead Test

By Kindergarten:

3 Doses of Hep B
5 Doses of DTap/DTP
4 Doses of Polio
2 Doses of MMR
2 Doses of Varicella*
Proof of Lead Test
Tuberculosis Risk
Assessment

By Seventh Grade:

3 Doses of Hep B
1 Dose of Tdap
4 Doses of Polio
2 Doses of MMR
2 Doses of Varicella* (For 13 year olds and older)



*Or Documentation of Chicken Pox Disease (month/yr)

For further information on health services, please contact your child's school nurse.



Nurses' Contact Information



Cushman School: 508-996-3926
DeMello School: 508-996-6750
Potter School: 508-996-8259
Quinn School: 508-997-3178
Middle School: 508-997-9333
High School: 508-961-2742

DARTMOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES... LINKING THE SCHOOL TO HOME AND COMMUNITY



*A child must be healthy to learn,
and a child must learn to be healthy...*

MA Department of Public Health

**8 Bush Street
Dartmouth, MA 02748
508-997-3391**

The Role of the School Nurse Includes:

- Providing acute and emergency care for students and staff.
- Conducting state-mandated screenings—scoliosis (Grs 5-9), vision and hearing (Gr PreK-5, 7, 9), BMI calculation and parent notification (Gr 1, 4, 7, 10).
- Ensuring each child has the required immunizations.
- Medication administration and assessment.
- Planned care and assessment for students with Special Needs.
- Communicable disease control and prevention.
- Health counseling and education for students and staff.
- Providing and maintaining linkage to community resources and primary health care providers.
- Maintaining cumulative health records.
- Facilitating of the wellness policy.
- Enforcing the health policies.
- Participation in Crisis Intervention.

Medication Policy

- The Health Services Department encourages that medications be administered to your child before or after school if possible.
- When **any** medication is needed during the school hours, a physician's written order and a parental consent form must be given to the school nurse along with the medication. (Forms are available at the nurse's office).



- Medication must be delivered to the school in the original pharmacy labeled container by an adult. Medications are not accepted in such things as plastic bags.
- No child is permitted to bring their own medication to school.
- All medication orders have to be renewed each school year.
- **All** medication needs to be picked up by a parent/guardian on or before the last day of school of each year. Any medication that is not picked up will be discarded.

When Should Your Child Stay Home from School?

- If your child is suspected or has a contagious illness such as: chicken pox, strep throat, the flu, or whooping cough.
- If your child has had a fever within the past 24 hours.
- If your child is vomiting or has diarrhea.
- If your child has red/pink eyes or has drainage from the eyes.
- If your child has head lice. The child needs to be seen by the school nurse BEFORE returning to school. Screenings done as needed.
- If your child has a frequent cough or wheeze.



Please Note:

- If your child is absent, please call the school in the morning.
- If your child is out of school for an extended period of time and/or is under the care of a physician, please notify your child's school nurse.
- If your child is absent for five (5) consecutive days, a physician's note is required upon returning to school.