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Dear Parents:

The Illinois School Code clearly states that:

All children in Illinois shall have a health examination and immunizations within one year prior to entering early childhood programs, kindergarten (or first grade if child does not attend kindergarten), sixth grade, ninth grade and immediately prior to or upon entrance into any public, private, or parochial school or nursery school. Each child shall present proof of having been examined in accordance with the Illinois School Code. The use of the Illinois physical exam form is mandatory, and no other form will be accepted. Additional health examinations may be required when deemed necessary by school authorities.

Edwardsville Community Schools requires compliance with the Illinois School Code. Out-of-state students are required to have a physical prior to entry into any grade, unless they have had a physical within one calendar year and that physical has been recorded on a systems analysis form comparable to the Illinois form and signed by a licensed physician.

District 7 requires all pupils to be immunized in accordance with the Illinois School Code. Please consult with your health care provider to determine the specific immunizations required.

A statement from a physician or health care provider is recommended stating that children six months through six years have been screened for lead poisoning within one year of entering school.

**FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE IMMUNIZATION CODE AND THE PHYSICAL EXAMINATION REQUIREMENT WILL BE CAUSE FOR EXCLUSION FROM SCHOOL. THE REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS AND PHYSICAL EXAMINATION ARE DUE THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL. WE SUGGEST YOU MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH A DOCTOR AT ONCE.**

If a parent believes that he/she is unable to comply with the Illinois School Code as stated above because of religious, medical or financial reasons, it will be the responsibility of the child's parents to contact the school nurse and inform the nurse of this situation. This must be done before the deadline stated previously. All persons must comply with the Illinois School Code.

Respectfully,

Dr. Jason Henderson  
Superintendent