

**HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW STUDENTS ENTERING
ANDOVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS STUDENT SERVICES
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Welcome to the Andover Public Schools. The **Massachusetts Department of Public Health** requires that a **student may enter school only** after the following requirements are met:

- **Health History** completed by parent/guardian prior to enrollment
- **Physical Examination** performed and signed by a US health care provider completed within one year prior to entry.
- **Lead level and vision screening** completed before entry to kindergarten. Your health care provider is required to test your child's vision. Please have your PCP include the results with the immunization records or physical exam.
- Immunization **documentation** must be translated and is required before entry. Dates must include month and year and in some cases, exact day may be necessary to fully establish your child's immune status. (schedule below)

Please arrange to meet with your school nurse to plan for any special health care needs or for the administration of any essential medications or procedures that are prescribed during the school day.

PHYSICALS:

A current physical must be on file for **ALL NEW STUDENTS** and **THOSE ENTERING GRADES Pre-K, Kindergarten, 3, 7, and 10**. A current physical must also be on file for individuals 18-21 years old participating in specialty programs.

HEALTH SCREENINGS:

The following screenings will be performed according to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

- Hearing: Grades Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1, 2, 3, 7, 10
- Vision: Grades Pre-K, Kindergarten, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10
- Height and Weight/Body Mass Index (BMI): Grades 1, 4, 7, 10
- Postural screening: Grades 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
- SBIRT (Screening with Brief Intervention and Referral for Treatment): Grades 7 and 9.

If the results do not fall within the appropriate guidelines for hearing, vision and scoliosis screening, we will contact you and recommend further follow-up with your child's physician. We recognize that some parent(s)/guardian(s) may prefer to have the screening performed by a physician.

For your child to be exempt from screening in school, please provide the following documentation:

- Hearing & Vision:** copy of the screening results from the physician for current school year.
- Postural:** copy of the screening results from the physician for the current school year or documentation that the student is under care for scoliosis for the current school year.
- Height/Weight/BMI:** Parent/Guardian must provide a written request to the school clinic if they do not wish their child to participate in this program.
- SBIRT:** Parent/Guardian must provide a written request to the school clinic if they do not wish their child to participate in this program.

****PLEASE NOTE** Screenings will commence after the second week of school**

We will ensure privacy and confidentiality during the screening procedures. Guidelines may be found at

the following website: <https://www.mass.gov/files/documents/2017/09/11/105cmr200.pdf>

**MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH (MDPH)
SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION REGULATIONS**

REQUIRED FOR SCHOOL ENTRY

	Pre-School/PK	Grades K-6	Grades 7-12
Hepatitis B ¹	3 doses	3 doses	3 doses
DTaP/DPT/Dt/Td ²	4 doses	5 doses	5 doses plus 1 Tdap booster
Polio ³	3 doses	4 doses	4 doses
Hib	1-4 doses	N/A	N/A
MMR ⁴ (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)	1 dose	2 doses	2 doses
Varicella ⁵	1 dose	2 doses	2 doses

¹Laboratory evidence of immunity is acceptable.

²Four doses are acceptable if the 4th dose is given on or after the 4th birthday.

³4th dose must be given on or after the 4th birthday and \geq 6 months after the previous dose or a 5th dose is required. 3 doses are acceptable if the 3rd dose is given on or after the 4th birthday and \geq 6 months after the previous dose.

⁴First dose must be given on or after the 1st birthday; laboratory evidence of immunity is acceptable.

⁵First dose must be given on or after the 1st birthday; laboratory evidence of immunity is acceptable. A reliable history of chickenpox verified by a physician is also acceptable.

Religious and medical exemptions must be renewed annually.

Andover Public School Nurses will have access to the Massachusetts Immunization Information System (MIIS) in order to access your child's immunization information. The following link provides information about the MIIS.

<https://www.mass.gov/service-details/miis-information-for-parents-and-patient>