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## HEALTH POLICY

Dear Parents,

The following health and immunization requirements are required by Ohio Law and Whitehall City School District Board Policy JHCB. If you have questions regarding the requirements please contact one of the districts school nurses.

- I. PHYSICAL EXAMINATION:** A doctor's physical examination is required for every child entering kindergarten and/or any child new to the United States.
- II. Students new to the US must also have Tuberculosis (TB) test results and show proof of the first set of required immunization before the first day of attendance.**
- III. IMMUNIZATIONS:** Unless otherwise exempt, all students shall be immunized by Ohio Law as follows: This required information must be received in the school office within **14** days.
- A. Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis (Dtap, DTP, DT)** – a minimum of four doses are required for Kindergarten. If the fourth dose was administered before the fourth birthday, a fifth dose is required.
- B. Tdap** – One dose of Tdap vaccine must be administered prior to entry into 7<sup>th</sup> grade.
- C. Poliomyelitis (OPV, IPV)** – Three or more doses of IPV are required for Kindergarten. The final dose must be administered on or after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday, regardless of the number of previous doses. If any combination of OPV and IPV was received, 4 doses of either vaccine are required.
- D. Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)** – The three vaccines are usually given as one MMR vaccine. Two doses of MMR are required to start Kindergarten, with one dose being administered on or after the first birthday and the second dose being administered at least 28 days after the first dose.
- E. Hepatitis B** – Three doses of Hepatitis B are required to start Kindergarten. The second dose must be administered at least 28 days after the first dose. The third dose must be given at least 16 weeks after the first dose and at least 8 weeks after the second dose, with the final dose not to be administered before the age of 24 weeks.
- F. Varicella** – Two doses of varicella are required for entry into Kindergarten. Dose 1 must be administered on or after the first birthday, with the second dose being administered at least three month after dose 1. For grades 7-10 one dose of varicella vaccine must be administered on or after the first birthday. There are no requirements for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders.
- G. Meningococcal/MCV4** –  
Grade 7 – 1 dose of Meningococcal vaccine required prior to entry.  
Grade 12 – 2 doses of Meningococcal vaccine required prior to entry.
- H.** If the student **DOES NOT** have all the required immunization, the student may attend school as long as he or she is actively receiving required vaccinations on a schedule and provides proof of the schedule to the school nurse. However, the student must show proof of having the first set of required immunization before his or her first day of attendance.