

**THE SCHOOL HEALTH PROGRAM AND YOUR CHILD  
SENECA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**Immunizations required by Pennsylvania law**

	ALL STUDENTS	7 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE
Diphtheria-Tetanus	4 doses (1 dose must be after 4 <sup>th</sup> birthday)	
Polio	3 doses	
Measles & Mumps <sup>1</sup>	2 doses	
Rubella (German measles) <sup>1</sup>	1 dose	
Hepatitis B	3 doses	
Varicella (chickenpox) <sup>2</sup>	2 doses of varicella vaccine or history of disease	
Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis) if 5 years have elapsed since last tetanus immunization		1 dose
Meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV)		1 dose

<sup>1</sup> Measles, mumps & rubella are usually administered as one shot called MMR.

<sup>2</sup> If your child has had the chickenpox disease, the vaccine is not required. A signed statement from the parent or physician with the date or age of the child when chickenpox occurred is acceptable.

**Screenings as required by Pennsylvania law:**

A physical examination upon original entry to school and in grades 6 and 11. \*

A dental examination upon original entry to school and in grades 3 and 7. \*

*\* Students who do not turn in a completed, private physical or dental exam form will be scheduled for an exam with the school doctor or dentist. Exams dated up to one year before the start of the school year in which the exam is required will be accepted.*

Height and weight measurement and determination of Body Mass Index-for-Age percentile annually.

A vision test annually.

A hearing test in grades K, 1, 2, 3, 7, and 11.

Scoliosis screening in grades 6 and 7.

Screening for pediculosis (head lice) where indicated.

The purpose of the screening program is to identify possible health problems that may require further evaluation and/or treatment. School screenings are not intended to replace periodic examinations by your family health practitioners. It is recommended that physical and dental examinations be conducted by your family physician or dentist, with payment being the responsibility of the parent. You can request a screening at any time if you suspect that your child may have a problem.

**Parents may assist in maintaining students' good health by:**

Providing proper meals at regular times. Insist that your child eat breakfast every day.

Have a regular bedtime. *School aged children need 9 – 12 hours of uninterrupted sleep every night.*

Dress young children according to weather conditions.

Keep a sick child home from school.

Please follow these guidelines for keeping your child home from school.

- A fever of 100 or greater. A child must stay home until free of fever for 24 hours without the use of medication.
- Red eyes with drainage or that are “stuck together” upon awakening. Consult a health care provider.
- Vomiting the night before. Must tolerate a light diet before returning to school.
- Excessive coughing or nasal drainage