

Health Info Reminders : Per the Rhode Island Rules and Regulations for School Health Programs

ALL STUDENTS ENTERING R.I. PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS MUST HAVE MET PRE- K, KINDERGARTEN, AND 7TH GRADE IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS , AND IN ADDITION THE FOLLOWING, GRADE SPECIFIC HEALTH SCREENINGS

12th Grade: 1.) All students upon entry to 12th grade shall furnish evidence of having met a third Health examination and Health Clearance (Physical Examination by their Dr. with a copy to the Health office to be placed in their Health Record.) This shall be performed after the student turns **16 and no later than 6 months after the students enters 12th grade**

2.) Documentation of a **Meningitis Vaccine Booster , in addition to the 7th grade Meningitis Vaccine**

9th Grade Vision Screening: Every 9th grade student will have their vision screening in school, for distance and near visual acuity as per the R.I. Rules and Regulations. **Unless** evidence is presented to the Certified School Nurse Teacher, that the same screening , or series of tests as provided by in the Regulations, has been completed within the preceding twelve (**12**) months by the student's Ophthalmologist, Optometrist, and (is on record in the health office) the student shall be exempt from this screening requirement that school year.

10th Grade Dental Screenings: Every 10th grade student shall be given an annual dental screening by a licensed Dentist. This screening is totally non - invasive, consists of an inspection of the student's mouth, and checks for suspicious tooth decay, gum inflammation, abscesses, etc. **Unless** Students have been screened by a Private Dentist and provide written documentation of the screening being performed by the student's Dentist at the 10th grade level and (is on record in the Health Office) shall be exempt from the requirements and may elect not to be screened.

When a school Dental Screening has revealed that a dental problem may exist, the parent will be notified in writing ,using the standardized form of the RIDOH, so that a Dental Visit may be arranged.

THE ANNUAL PONAGANSET (IN - SCHOOL) FLU CLINIC WILL BE HELD TUESDAY OCTOBER 20TH (7:40AM TO 10:30A.M.) This is a great time to have your student vaccinated against this years flu while at school. Look for parental consent forms on the web site under Parents, and then click on Health Information.