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AUDUBON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the Audubon Public Schools. School Health Policies in our school district are based on laws and regulations mandated by the State of New Jersey. A physical exam is required for all students entering a New Jersey school for the first time (Preschool, Kindergarten and students who transfer into the district) as written in New Jersey Administrative Code (N.J.A.C. 6A:6-2.2). A physical exam that was performed by a health care provider within 365 days prior to the first day of school is acceptable. The exam can be recorded by your child's medical care provider on a school form or Universal Health Record. The examination report must state what, if any, modifications are required for full participation in the school program.

In addition to the mandated entrance physical exam, it is the school's responsibility to inform parents/guardians of the importance of obtaining physical exams at least once during each of the student's developmental stages. The developmental stages are defined as follows:

- · early childhood (preschool through grade 3)
- · pre-adolescence (grades 4 through 6)
- · adolescence (grades 7 through 12)

Immunizations are mandatory for school entrance/attendance in New Jersey as written in New Jersey Administrative Code (N.J.A.C. 8:57-4). Proper documentation of immunizations must be provided to the school nurse by the parent/caregiver upon enrollment.

Information about NJ Family Care, which offers affordable health insurance for uninsured children in New Jersey, can be found at <u>https://njfamilycare.dhs.state.nj.us/</u>

Thank you.

Sincerely, Audubon Public School District Nurses