

Health-Related and Additional Requirements for School Attendance

Immunization Record: Florida Law (F.S. 232.032) requires children entering school to be immunized against numerous communicable diseases. Children will **NOT** be enrolled in school without documented proof of these immunizations. Acceptable forms include the HRS 680, or a signed doctor's record of immunizations and dates. Immunizations may be obtained at a private physician's office, or the Alachua County Public Health Unit, where immunizations are given free of charge. Call for more information. If, for religious or medical reasons, the child is exempt from getting these required immunizations, a Certificate of Exemption must be given to school authorities. These can be obtained for qualified children from a doctor or the Alachua County Public Health Unit.

In-State Transfers are Allowed 30 days for Records to be Transferred

Physical Examinations: Florida Law (F.S.232.0315) requires that first-time entrants into public schools, including preschoolers, have a physical examination within twelve (12) months prior to enrollment. The school entrance physical examination should be documented on HRS form 3040 (or a reasonable substitute covering all body systems).

If a student has ever been in a Florida school, public or private, and a physical is on file, a new physical is not required. All in-state transfers are allowed 30 days for records to be obtained. If records fail to arrive on time or are incomplete, parent is responsible, and child may be temporarily excluded.

Some special programs such as Head Start have different physical exam requirements and those program guidelines should be followed.

A health exam given prior to enrollment into a Head Start program in an Alachua County School will be accepted as a "first time required" physical exam for entry.