



NEW ADMISSION EXAM APPOINTMENT

Name of Child: _____ DOB: _____

School: _____ Grade/Class: _____

Date _____

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The Office of School Health has not received a completed **Child and Adolescent Health Examination Form (CH205)** for your child. The New York City Public Health Code (Article 49.05) and the Department of Education Chancellor’s Regulation (A-701) require that all students entering a public school for the first time have a complete medical examination, submitted on a CH205. **We strongly encourage you to ask your child’s medical provider to complete the CH205 form and return it to the school nurse.** Your child’s provider may use the findings of the most recent complete medical examination. Please see the *New Admission Exam Frequently Asked Questions* on the back of this page for more information on this requirement.

Because we have not received this form, your child has been scheduled for a medical examination by an Office of School Health Physician on ___/___/___ at ___:___ am/pm in Medical Room #_____. **If your child’s medical provider has filled out the CH205 form, please give the form to the school nurse immediately.** This appointment will be cancelled if the completed CH205 form is submitted before the scheduled Office of School Health exam.

If your child is not seen on this date, and we still have not received the completed form from your primary medical provider, we will reschedule him/her for the next session.

If possible, we would like you to come to this appointment. If you cannot come at the assigned time, please call the school nurse at _____. The nurse may be able to reschedule the appointment to a time when you can attend. If you are unable to attend, please give the school nurse a phone number where you can be reached so that the physician can call you during your child’s exam.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Lawrence, MD
Medical Director
Office of School Health

School Nurse

Principal



NEW ADMISSION EXAM: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

What is a New Admission Exam?

A New Admission Exam is a complete medical examination for all students entering New York City schools. The New York City Public Health Code (Article 49.05) and the Department of Education Chancellor's Regulation (A-701) require the New Admission Exam. **This exam is required.**

The exam must include the following:

- Medical History
- Developmental Assessment
- Nutritional Evaluation
- Weight
- Height
- Body Mass Index
- Blood Pressure
- Vision Screening
- Hearing Screening
- Dental Screening

What is a Child and Adolescent Health Examination Form (CH205)?

The Child and Adolescent Health Examination Form (CH205) is proof that the New Admission Exam was performed. This form must be:

- **Filled out by a licensed doctor, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant**
- **Completed no more than 12 months before starting school**
- **Returned to the school nurse**

If your child is less than 5 years old at the time of the exam, a new CH205 form must be submitted after your child's 5th birthday.

What can I do if my child does not have a medical provider who can fill out the CH205?

Every child in New York State is able to get health insurance coverage and a medical provider. If you have questions or need help finding a provider or a health insurance plan, please call the school nurse. **The Office of School Health strongly recommends that you find a medical provider for your child and that your child get a yearly check-up.** Your child's provider should fill out the CH205 with the most recent medical examination results.

If the Office of School Health does not receive a completed CH205 form, your child may be scheduled for a medical examination by an Office of School Health Physician. Please note that the Office of School Health will perform a basic medical exam; this exam does not replace the yearly check-up that should be performed by your child's medical provider.

If your child is scheduled for an Office of School Health Physician exam:

- The exam will be done in the school's medical room. A screen may be used to make the exam more private.
- The school nurse or other Office of School Health staff will stay with your child during the exam.
- **To be examined, your child will be asked to take off their clothes**, including tights, pantyhose, socks, thermal underwear, and undershirts. Students will wear their undergarments, such as their bra and underpants, and will put on a gown for the exam.
- Genitalia or "private parts" will NOT be checked, unless the parent or guardian is present for the exam.
- The physician will NOT take blood or give immunizations. The exam does not include a comprehensive assessment of your child's behavior and development. It is very important that you go to your child's medical provider for a yearly check-up to have those services performed.

If there are any other questions about the New Admission Exam, please contact your school nurse.

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