

Dracut Public Schools

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KINDERGARTEN

Registration Packet

School Year - 2024-2025

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KINDERGARTEN Open House/Registration/Screening

2024-2025

Registration will be held for all kindergarten age children of Dracut residents on the dates and times below. Children must be five (5) years of age (on or before August 31, 2024) to enter Kindergarten in September 2023. No exceptions. Kindergarten children must be registered at the elementary schools in the neighborhood district where they reside.

Open House

<u>Tuesday, February 27th - 6:30 p.m.</u>: Kindergarten Open House Night (at each school) Parents/Guardians will:

- Hear a brief presentation from Principals, PTO, Nurse and Teachers
- Receive their Kindergarten Registration Information
- Have questions answered
- Thursday, February 29th snow date

Day Registration

Wednesday, March 20th - 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 pm (at each elementary school)

Evening Registration

Monday, March 25th: Campbell Elementary - 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. & 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Monday, March 25th: Greenmont Avenue - 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 25th: Englesby Elementary - 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 25th: Brookside Elementary - 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

- Parents/Guardians will bring completed registration paperwork.
- Parents/Guardians will leave their email address and a signup genius email will be sent to them to schedule a screening appointment

Screening

Thursday, June 13th; Friday, June 14th; Monday, June 17th

- Tentative/based on snow days
- Parents/Guardians and incoming Kindergarten students attend the screening

Greenmont Avenue School Principal, Marybeth Veilleux 37 Greenmont Ave 978-453-1797 Brookside Elementary School Principal, Monica Poitras 1560 Lakeview Ave 978-957-0716

Campbell Elementary School Principal, Bonnie Faulkner 1021 Methuen St 978-459-6186 Englesby Elementary School Principal, Beth Drohan 1580 Lakeview Ave 978-957-9745



Dracut Public Schools KINDERGARTEN Registration Parent/Guardian Checklist

The following items are required for kindergarten registration:

CHECKLIST FOR PARENTS OR GUARDIANS (\checkmark)
☐ Registration Form
 Parent/Guardian's Valid Driver's License (required at time of registration and must reflect the Dracut address)
☐ Student Enrollment Form
☐ Student Emergency Form
☐ Parent/Guardian Information
☐ Screening Release form (signed and dated)
☐ IMMUNIZATION RECORDS (required at the time of registration)
☐ CHILD'S BIRTH CERTIFICATE (required at the time of registration)
☐ Verification of Dracut Residency (examples: lease agreement, copy of utility bill, tax bill) Please reference SCHOOL ENROLLMENT / RESIDENCY Form.
☐ Notarized Residency Affidavit
☐ Massachusetts School Health Record
☐ Health/Mass Health/Medicaid Form
☐ Vision Screening

Students will not be registered if registration packets are incomplete



Dracut Public Schools KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FORM

Home Address Birthplace Home Address	Student's Name	Birthplace
Telephone Number Student lives with: (*/) Both Parents		
Mother Father Guardian Male Female Non-Binary Language Spoken In Home By Child ENGLISH OTHER Yes No MY CHILD WILL NOT BE ATTENDING DRACUT KINDERGARTEN Yes No MY CHILD WILL ATTEND KINDERGARTEN AT Yes No MY CHILD WILL BE ATTENDING DRACUT FIRST GRADE (Private/Parochial School) Office Use Only Date of Registration: Registered by:	Home Address	(Birth Certificate MUST be provided)
Language Spoken In Home By Child	Telephone Number	Mother Father
☐ Yes ☐ No MY CHILD WILL NOT BE ATTENDING DRACUT KINDERGARTEN ☐ Yes ☐ No MY CHILD WILL ATTEND KINDERGARTEN AT	☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Non-Binary	
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	Office Use Only	
Birth Certificate	Date of Registration:	Registered by:
	Rirth Certificate □	

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Parent/Guardian Information

Parent/Guar	Parent/Guardian 1 (Primary Contact/Lives with Student)				
Legal First Name:		Middle I	Name:	Preferred Name:	
Legal Last Name:					
Gender □ Male	☐ Female ☐ Non-Binary		Guardian Email		
Workplace:			Military Status: Active Du	ty □ Yes □ No	
Car License Plate #			Year/Make/Color of Vehicle	e:	
Relationship * *			Legal Status *		
Can Dismiss Studen	t? □ Yes □ No		Can Receive Student? □	Yes □ No	
Guardian lives with	n student? □ (check if yes)		Receives Mail □ Yes □	No (Default will be Guardian #1)	
Guardian Address			Same as student?	Address Type ☐ Home ☐ Mail ☐ Work ☐ Other	
Home Phone			Cell Phone		
□ <i>Unlisted</i> Work Phone	Priority Rank: 1 2 3 4	(circle)	□ <i>Unlisted</i> Other, Specify	Priority Rank: 1 2 3 4 (circle)	
□ Unlisted	Priority Rank: 1 2 3 4	(circle)	□ Unlisted	Priority Rank: 1 2 3 4 (circle)	
Parent/Guar	dian 2		,		
Legal First Name:		Middle I	Name:	Preferred Name:	
Legal Last Name:					
Gender □ Male □ Female □ Non-Binary			Guardian Email		
Workplace:			Military Status: Active Du	ty □ Yes □ No	
Car License Plate #			Year/Make/Color of Vehicle	e:	
Relationship * *			Legal Status *		
Can Dismiss Studen	t? □ Yes □ No		Can Receive Student? ☐ Yes ☐ No		
Guardian lives with	n student? □ (check if yes)		Receives Mail □ Yes □	No (Default will be Guardian #1)	
Guardian Address			Same as student? ☐ Yes ☐ No	Address Type ☐ Home ☐ Mail ☐ Work ☐ Other	
Home Phone			Cell Phone		
□ Unlisted Priority Rank: 1 2 3 4 (circle) Work Phone		□ <i>Unlisted</i> Other, Specify	Priority Rank: 1 2 3 4 (circle)		
□ Unlisted	Priority Rank: 1 2 3 4	(circle)	□ Unlisted	Priority Rank: 1 2 3 4 (circle)	
* Reference Key *					
Relationship * *	Choose from: Mother, Father, Parent, Friend, Other	Step Moth	er, Step Father, Step Parent, Fost	er Parent, Grandparent, Relative, Sibling, Neighbor,	
Legal Status *	Indicate: Custodial Parent; Non-Custo	dial Parent	; Legal Guardian, State Ward or S	Self (18+ Yrs)	

THE SCHOOL

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KINDERGARTEN

FAQ - Frequently Asked Questions

FAQ: Questions and answers about your child's first year in Kindergarten.

- Q: What age does my child need to be to start kindergarten in September?
- A: Your child must be five years old on or before August 31st.
- Q: How do I know if my child is really ready?
- A: Your child is ready if he/she can:
 - *Take care of his/her basic toilet needs
 - *Separate from parent or guardian with minor not major difficulty.
 - *Put on his/her coat and hat
 - *Make some choices without help
 - *Work in group.
 - *Follow simple instructions.
 - *Show some excitement about school and learning.
 - *Communicate with adults and peers.

Q: What should I tell my child about the bus?

A: Teach your child how to be safe going to the bus, waiting for the bus, getting on, riding, and getting off the bus. Sitting and staying in their seats is a very important concept to learn. Remember: kindergarten children need a responsible person to be at the bus stop with them as they go to and from school.

Q: What does my child need to bring?

A: A backpack is most helpful for carrying important school information work, books, etc., to and from school daily. The school will provide all supplies your child will need. They should not bring toys or personal belongings. It is also important to have your child's name on the backpack and any articles of clothing that will be taken off.

Q: What about meals or snacks?

A: Children can bring a snack with them. Children can purchase a school lunch or bring one to school.

Q: What is a kindergarten day like?

A: Each day your child will participate in a variety of carefully planned activities that will encourage the development of our child's potential to the fullest. Teachers plan these activities from kindergarten curriculum which include math, science, social studies, language arts, writing, health, and an integrated arts program that includes art, music, and movement. Teachers will integrate the subject areas with an emphasis on literacy and the use of literature.

Q: What is literacy?

A: Literacy involves all the activities that encourage reading, writing, speaking, and listening at home and at school. Teachers immerse the children in literacy activities and encourage parents to participate in family activities at home. Parents and teachers can work together to make reading fun part of each day.

Q: What is my role as parent in my child's kindergarten experience?

A: Spend the summer before kindergarten trying to help your child achieve the entrance recommendations which will be given to you at kindergarten screening. You should plan to actively involve your child in daily reading experiences. Dracut Free Library is wonderful resource where you can take your child to pursue these experiences. Make sure your child has exposure and play experiences with other children to insure development of social awareness. Allow your child to write, color, cut, and glue. These activities will foster development of fine motor skills.

Q: Do kindergarten children receive report cards?

A: Kindergarten children receive report cards in December, March, and June. You may also make an appointment with your child's teacher at any time by calling the school and scheduling a conference through the school secretary.

Q: May a parent volunteer in the classroom / field trips?

A: Parents who wish to volunteer in Kindergarten classes must fill out a Criminal History Form (CORI) that will be submitted to the Criminal History Bureau by the Dracut Public Schools.



Dracut Public Schools KINDERGARTEN Screening Permission Form

Kindergarten Screening Permission Form

I hereby grant the Dracut Public Schools professional staff permission to evaluate/screen my child using a professionally recognized assessment tool and to release any relevant evaluative data within the school system for professional purposes only.

Child's Name:	Date:		
Parent/Guardian Signature			
Address:			
Has your child ever attended or participated in:			
l) Head Start Program?		□Yes	□No
If Yes, what were the dates of attendance?			
Start	End		
2) Specialized Preschool/Day Program sponsored by the Department of Public Hea	lth such as The Ann Sulliv	☐ Yes an Center.	□No
If Yes, what were the dates of attendance?			
Start	End		
3) Specialized Preschool/Day Program sponsored by any state or local agency or sol If Yes, what were the dates of attendance?	hool system?	☐ Yes	□No
Start	End		

Early Childhood Education Experience Survey

Please check next to the option that best describes your child's preschool experience in the school year prior to entering Kindergarten. Select one option only, and indicate hours where applicable. Name of child: Date of Birth: My child did not have any formal early childhood program experience My child did not have formal early childhood program experience but participated in **Coordinated Family and** Community Engagement (CFCE) services. My child did not have formal early childhood program experience but participated in Parent Child Home Program (PCHP) services. My child did not have formal early childhood program experience but participated in BOTH Coordinated Family and Community Engagement (CFCE) AND Parent Child Home Program (PCHP) services. My child attended a Licensed Family Child Care Provider (indicate hours below) __ for less than 20 hours per week for 20+ hours per week My child attended a Center Based Program (indicate hours below) for less than 20 hours per week __ for 20+ hours per week My child attended BOTH a Licensed Family Child Care Provider <u>AND a Center Based Program</u> (indicate hours below) __ for less than 20 hours per week for 20+ hours per week

Definitions:

Coordinated Family and Community Engagement (CFCE) Services: locally based programs serving families with children birth through school age (e.g. parent/child playgroups, parent-child activities).

Parent Child Home Program (PCHP): home visiting model program funded through the Department of Early Education and Care.

Licensed Family Childcare: refers to EEC licensed child care in a group setting in a home. It may include care in the home of a family member, if the provider is both a relative and an EEC licensed child care provider providing care to children from multiple families.

Center-Based Care: refers to care for children in a group setting, including public and private preschools, Head Start, day care centers, and integrated public preschools.

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Kindergarten Vision Screening Requirements

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has recently added a health requirement for students entering kindergarten:

M.G.L. c. 71 s. 57:

Upon entering kindergarten or within 30 days of the start of the school year, the parent or guardian of each child shall present to school health personnel certification that the child within the previous 12 months has passed a vision screening conducted by personnel approved by the department of public health and trained in vision screening techniques to be developed by the department of public health in consultation with the department of education. For children who fail to pass the vision screening and for children diagnosed with neurodevelopment delay, proof of a comprehensive eye examination performed by a licensed optometrist or ophthalmologist chosen by the child's parent or guardian indicating any pertinent diagnosis, treatment, prognosis, recommendation and evidence of follow-up treatment, if necessary, shall be provided. Any child shall be exempt on religious grounds from these examinations upon written request of parent or guardian on condition that the laws and regulations relating to communicable diseases shall not be violated.

If an appointment has been scheduled with a medical professional during the month of September please submit the appointment date as well as the contact information of the medical provider to the school nurse.

Failure to meet these requirements could cause your child to be excluded from school. Please contact the school nurse if you have any questions.

Please check the box below and attach a copy of any paperwork as confirmation that your child's required vision screening has occurred.

Student Name	Date of Screening
Parent Signature	Date

SCHOOL:	Dracut Public Sch	nools	
SCHOOL YEAR:	Student Residency Questionnaire		
Please fill out a Student Residen	cy Questionnaire for each stude	ent attending the Dracut Public Sch	100ls.
STUDENT INFORMATION			
Student's Name:	Da	ate of Birth: / /	_
Age: Current Grade:	Gender: Male Female	e Non-Binary	
Home Address:		P.O. Box:	
City:	State:	Zip:	
		Relationship:	
Home Address:		P.O. Box:	
		Zip:	
Home Telephone #:	Cell Telephone	#:	_
RESIDENCY STATUS			
1. Where is the student sleeping	at night? (If you check the box t	marked "None of the Above" please s	kip question 2 & 3)
in a shelter	in a motel or hotel	with more than one fami apartment due to econor	=
in a car, trailer, park or campsite	☐ Foster Care	with friends or family me parent/guardian) due to	
☐ None of the Above			
2. Does the living arrangement of	checked in Question 1 result fro	om a loss of housing or economic h	<i>ardship?</i>
no	unsure		
3. Who is the student living with	,,2		
e		other adult \Box a relative, frien	uds(s) or other adult(s
alone with no adults	_	is not the parent or the legal guard	
alone with no adults	a n adult who	is not the parent or the legal guard	ian
PARENT/GUARDIAN CERTI The Parent / Guardian certifies tha		is accurate.	
Parent/Guardian Name:	Si	gnature:	
Date: Phone #:		Cell #:	
The McKinney Vento Homeless homeless. ✓ Students identified under M		Cell #: nres the educational rights above fo	r students who are

- Continue to attend school in the school attended before you became homeless (school of origin).
- ✓ Receive transportation to the school of origin
- Enroll in school without giving a permanent address and attend classes while the school arranges for a school transfer, immunization records or other documents required for enrollment.
- ✓ Receive the same special programs and services, if needed, as provided to all other children served in these programs

DRACUT PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOOL ENROLLMENT / RESIDENCY

I. RESIDENCY

In order to attend the Dracut Public Schools, a student <u>must actually reside in the Town of Dracut</u>, unless one of the exceptions (set forth in Part V) applies. The residence of a minor child is ordinarily presumed to be the legal residence of the child's parent or legal guardian having physical custody of the child. A student's actual residence is considered to be the place where he or she lives permanently. In determining residency, the Dracut Public Schools retains the right to require the production of a variety of records and documentation and to investigate where a student actually resides.

A determination that a student does not actually reside in the Town of Dracut renders the student ineligible to enroll in the Dracut Public Schools or, if the student is already enrolled in the Dracut Public Schools, shall result in the termination of such enrollment. A parent, legal guardian, or student who has reached the age of majority (18), who is aggrieved by a determination of residency, may appeal the determination to the Superintendent of Schools, whose decision shall be final.

II. VERIFICATION OF RESIDENCY

Before any student is enrolled in the Dracut Public Schools, his or her parent or legal guardian must provide:

- 1. A signed Affidavit of Residency
- 2. Proof of residency in the Town of Dracut (3 documents) including copy of driver's license
- 3. A completed Dracut Public Schools emergency form

All applicants for enrollment must submit <u>at least one</u> document each from Column A, B. <u>Items in Column C are mandatory for registration</u>, and any other documents that may be requested, including but not limited to those from Column A, B, or C (noted below)

The Dracut Public Schools <u>DOES NOT</u> accept a purchase and sales agreement.

Column A	Column B	Column C (MANDATORY)
Evidence of Residency	Evidence of Occupancy	Evidence of Identification (Photo
	(must show Dracut address)	ID) and Vehicle Registration
Record of recent mortgage payment	Recent bill dated within the past 60	Copy of valid Driver's License
and/or property tax bill	days showing Dracut address:	indicating Dracut address*, or
Copy of Lease and record of recent rental	Gas Bill, Oil Bill, Cable Bill, Electric	Copy of valid MA Photo ID Card if
payment	Bill, House Insurance Bill	license if not available indicating
		Dracut address*,
Landlord Affidavit and recent rental	Home Telephone Bill (not cell phone)	AND
payment		copy of current Vehicle Registration
		indicating Dracut address
Section 8 Agreement	Excise Tax Bill	

* Massachusetts law requires that you report a change of address to the Registry of Motor Vehicles within 30 days of moving.

The Principal, or his/her designee, may verify the home address and home telephone number of each student at least once during the school year. Any irregularities shall be reported promptly to the Supervisor Attendance of the Dracut Public Schools. Parents are required to notify the school of any changes of their address or the address of the student within five days of the change.

DRACUT PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOOL ENROLLMENT / RESIDENCY (CONTINUED)

III. ENFORCEMENT

Should a question arise concerning any student's residency in the Town of Dracut, while attending the Dracut Public Schools, the student's residency will be subject to further inquiry and/or investigation. Such questions concerning residency may arise on the basis of incomplete, suspicious, or contradictory proofs of address; anonymous tips; correspondence that is returned to the Dracut Public Schools because of an invalid or unknown address, or other grounds.

The Principal / Administrator may request additional documentation and may obtain the services of police, town departments and/or investigative agency personnel to conduct investigations into student residence.

Should it be determined that information provided be found to be false information as to residency in Dracut, parents/guardians may be held financially liable for paying restitution to the Dracut Public Schools for the cost incurred in educating the student (M.G.L. Chapter 76, Section 5).

Parents/guardians could also be held liable for additional costs including, but not limited to attorney's fees incurred by Dracut Public Schools in seeking restitution for educating the student.

Upon an initial determination that a student is actually residing in a city or town other than the Town of Dracut, the student's enrollment in the Dracut Public Schools shall be terminated immediately.

IV. PENALTIES

In addition to termination of enrollment and the imposition of other penalties permitted by law, the Dracut Public Schools reserve the right to recover restitution based upon the costs of educational services provided during the period of non-residency (M.G.L. Chapter 76, Section 5).

V. EXCEPTIONS

- 1. The Residency Requirements Shall Not Apply to the Following:
 - a. Students enrolled in the High School under special programs approved by the School Committee, such as educational exchange programs;
 - b. Accepted School Choice Students;
 - c. Tuition paying students, as permitted by law;
 - d. Students who are entitled to attend the Dracut Public Schools under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

Dracut Public Schools - Residency Affidavit

All persons registering a student(s) with the Dracut Public Schools shall be required to sign a certification of residency affidavit which includes the penalties of perjury regarding the information provided. In addition, any person who falsely claims that a student lives with them, or the parents of that student, may be required to pay the full cost of the student's tuition to the Dracut Public Schools as well as any legal fees. (M.G.L. Chapter 76, Section 5).

I,		am the parent or	legal guardian of
(Name of parent/	guardian - Please Print)		
		·	
(Name of Student	t – Please Print)		
We both reside in Dracut	c, at		
	(Dracut Addre	ess)	
	am required to notify the above five (5) calendar days of such c		g, of any change in said
attending the Dracut Pub investigation. I/we acknowledge	uld a question arise concerning lic Schools, the student's reside owledge that the Principal / Ado of police, town departments and nt residence.	ency will be subject to furth ministrator may request add	ner inquiry and/or ditional documentation and
in Dracut, that I can be h Schools for the cost incu- costs including, but not le educating the student. By	I I am aware that if I or the studeld financially liable for paying rred in educating the student. I imited to attorney's fees incurred signing below, I agree that I has bove information and my poten	restitution to the Dracut P understand that I could als ed by Dracut Public School ave been placed on notice a	ublic o be held liable for additional s in seeking restitution for
	ented to, signed in the present commonwealth of Massachuset		arized by a duly authorized
Signed under the pain an	d penalties of perjury on this	day of	, 20
Parent/Guardian signatur	re		
Signed by Notary Publi	c in the Commonwealth of M	assachusetts	
On this day of	, 20, before me, the under	signed notary public, persona	ally appeared
(nam	ne of document signer), proved to 1	ne through satisfactory evide	ence of identification, which
were, t	o be the person whose name is sig	ned on the preceding or attac	ched document in my presence.
Notary Public Signature	Date Signed	Commi	ssion Expires

(IF A TRANSLATOR WAS NOT NEEDED PLEASE WRITE "NA" ABOVE)

Home Language Survey

Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education regulations require that *all* schools determine the language(s) spoken in each student's home in order to identify their specific language needs. This information is essential in order for schools to provide meaningful instruction for all students. If a language other than English is spoken in the home, the District is required to do further assessment of your child. Please help us meet this important requirement by answering the following questions. Thank you for your assistance.

Student Information			
			F M
First Name	Middle Name	Last Name	Gender
		1	1
Country of Birth	Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)	Date first enrolled	in ANY U.S. school (mm/dd/yyyy)
School Information			
/ /20			
Start Date in New School (mm/dd/yyyy)	Name of Former School and Town	1	Current Grade
Questions for Parents/Guardia	ans		
What is the native language(s) of each p	parent/guardian? (circle one)	Which language(s) are spoken with (include relatives -grandparents, uncle	
	(mother / father / guardian)		_seldom / sometimes / often / always
	(mother / father / guardian)		seldom / sometimes / often / always
What language did your child first unde	rstand and speak?	Which language do you use most w	rith your child?
Which other languages does your child	know? (circle all that apply)	Which languages does your child us	se? (circle one)
	speak / read / write		seldom / sometimes / often / always
	speak / read / write		seldom / sometimes / often / always
Will you require written information fror language? Y N	n school in your native	Will you require an interpreter/trans Y N	slator at Parent-Teacher meetings?
Parent/Guardian Signature:		/ 20	
X		Today's Date: (mm/dd/yyyy)	

For Office Use Only: Copy of the Home Language Survey must be forwarded to the ESL Department Chair



Dracut Public Schools KINDERGARTEN Immunization Requirements

January 2024

Dear Parent:

All students are required by state law to have a physical examination in Kindergarten. The School Immunization Law, Chapter 76, Section 15, requires that all children attending school must be immunized against POLIO, DIPTHERIA, TETANUS, PERTUSSIS, MEASLES, MUMPS, RUBELLA and HEPATITIS B and VARICELLA. Exemptions are allowed only for religious beliefs or health reasons.

A child five (5) years old or older must receive a total of five (5) injections for Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis, four (4)injections for Polio Vaccine (oral/drink may be used in other countries), two (2) injections for Measles, three (3) Hepatitis B injections and two (2) Varicella injections (1) Lead, and TB Risk.

Because your family physician has a comprehensive knowledge of the health status of your child, we encourage him/her perform this examination. Please have your physician fill out the Massachusetts School Health Record enclosed and submit it to the School Nurse by August 31st.

Reports should be submitted to the school nurse or mailed to the following address.

❖ If the required immunizations are not provided, the student may be excluded from school until the proper updated immunizations have been received and reviewed by the school nurse.

School Nurse	School Nurse	School Nurse	School Nurse
Brookside Elementary	Campbell School	Greenmont Avenue	Englesby Elementary
1560 Lakeview Ave.	1021 Methuen St.	37 Greenmont Ave.	1580 Lakeview Ave
Dracut, MA. 01826	Dracut, MA. 01826	Dracut, MA. 01826	Dracut, MA. 01826

A Parent's Guide to Dracut School Health Services

The school nurse is a liaison between home and school regarding health matters. The effective management of health care needs requires a partnership among the student, parents, physicians and the school. The school nurse works closely with all those concerned to coordinate the resources of school, home and community to benefit the total health of all students and staff.

The school nurse provides nursing care for accidents, illnesses, medications and emergency situations. She also performs stated mandated screening programs, assists in promoting good health, a safe and healthy environment, and serves as an important resource of information about health concerns. Please contact the nurse when questions on your child's health arise.

Student Emergency Information Sheets

Please complete <u>both sides</u> of the Student Emergency info form. This sheet provides the information necessary to reach you in case of an Emergency <u>and</u> updates your child's health information from year to year. Please inform the Nurse of any changes in the state of your child's health anytime during the school year.

Health Emergencies

Please notify the school nurse yearly of and Medical Conditions, such as Diabetes, Asthma, Seizures or <u>Life Threatening Allergies</u> to such things as Peanuts, other foods, insect bites or medications, which may cause an emergency situation with your child. Please provide the *Epipen* and/or *inhaler* if ordered. The school nurse will work with you to develop a Health Care Plan to meet your child's health needs.

Physical Exam Requirements

A physical exam is <u>required</u> by law for all students entering a new school and for every child entering Kindergarten, 4th, 7th and 10th <u>grades</u>. Kindergarten physical exams MUST also include a <u>Lead Test</u> with results and a <u>Vision Test</u> with results. A hearing test though not yet required is highly recommended.

Athletic Examinations

A documented physical examination is required for *All* students according to the MIAA guidelines while participating in a school sponsored sports

School Screening Programs

<u>Vision and Hearing:</u> Vision Screening is done in grades PreK-5, 7 & 10 and Hearing Screening is done in grades K-3, 7 & 10. Parents will be notified of any <u>failures</u> that necessitate a medical follow-up with your own physician or optometrist and a response letter with testing results will be required.

<u>Heights, Weights and BMI's</u>: are done in grades 1, 4, 7 + 10 to monitor your child's growth and development. Parents will be notified of results and a MD referral will be requested if necessary.

<u>Postural Screening</u>: The law states all students in Grades 5 thru 9 must be screened for scoliosis. Physician referral forms will be sent to parents of any student who fails this screening.

Illnesses

In accordance with the American Academy of Pediatric guidelines, *please do not* send your child to school when signs of illness such as Temp > 100°, persistent cough, vomiting or unknown rashes are present.

Please notify the school nurse if your child contracts any <u>contagious</u> <u>diseases i</u>ncluding but not limited to: Strep Throat, Head Lice, Mumps, Conjunctivitis, Scarlet Fever, Chickenpox, Mononucleosis or Whooping Cough.

<u>Post Illness Guidelines</u>

Children must be <u>fever free</u> without the use of fever reducing medications such as Tylenol/Motrin, on antibiotics for Strep Throat, Impetigo and Conjunctivitis and/or symptom free from Vomiting or Diarrhea for a full <u>24 hours before</u> returning to school.

<u>Head Lice</u>: Dracut Public Schools has adopted the "no live bugs protocol". Students can return to school when free from live lice and head scalp treatment.

<u>Immunization Requirements</u>

School immunization laws, Chapter 76, Section 15 of the state laws, require all immunizations to be up to date for all children to attend school:

- A record of all required immunizations signed by your physician is required for your child to enter public school.
- 2. All records must have full dates.
- 3. Records are audited by the nurse. You will be notified of missing data.
- Schools have the right to exclude students from school until medical record requirements are complete.

Kindergarten Entry

5 DtaP 4 Polio 3 Hepatitis B 2 MMR 1 Lead TB Risk 2 doses of Varicella or Hx of chickenpox

Grades 1-6 Entry

4-5 DtaP/DTP or > 3 doses TD

3 Hepatitis B 2 MMR >3 Polio 2 doses of Varicella/Hx of chickenpox

Grades 7-12 Entry

4-5 DtaP or ≥ 3 doses Td; plus 1 Td booster

≥ 3 Polio 3 Hepatitis B

2 MMR or 2 Measles/1 Mump/1 Rubella

1-2 Dose of Varicella or Hx of chickenpox

Grade 7	1dose; 1doseMenACWY(formerlyMCV4)required.MeningococcalBvaccineisnotrequiredanddoesnotmeetthisrequirement.
Grade 11	2 doses; second dose MenACWY (formerly MCV4) must be given on or after the 16th birthday and \geq 8 weeks after the previous dose. 1 dose is acceptable if it was given on or after the 16th birthday. Meningococcal B vaccine is not required and does not meet this requirement.

Medication Policies

<u>Please note</u>: In grades PreK-5 nurses are not able to give Tylenol, or Advil <u>without</u> a written physician order <u>and</u> parental consent. Nurses may give Tylenol for a fever greater than 102° to prevent febrile seizures while awaiting parent pick up.

In grades 6-12, nurses may give over the counter medications for toothaches, dental pain, menstrual cramps and simple headaches with prior written parental consent.

Please obtain needed forms from the school nurse or the Dracut Public Schools Website.

Medications (both prescription and over the counter) should not be taken during school hours, if at all possible. Please try to achieve the medical regimen at home.

Long Term Medication

Medications that are to be given in school <u>daily</u> for such conditions as ADHD, Asthma, etc. Please obtain a medication permission packet from the school nurse. One form must be signed by parents giving consent and the other by the physician ordering the medication. Medications must be brought in to school by a responsible adult, in a pharmacy labeled container and signed in with the nurse, never with the child! No more than 30 – day supple will be accepted at a time.

Short Term Medications: Physicians prescribed medications, such as antibiotics, requiring administration for 10 days or less may be taken at school. The pharmacy labeled container with the child's name, may be used in place of the physician's signed order. Please send a signed and dated note with the medication including reason it is being given, directions on how much, when to give and the length of time to be given in school. A separate bottle or vial just for school would be appreciated.

<u>No Medications</u> will be accepted loose in sandwich bags, envelopes, tissues, etc and will <u>NOT</u> be given or allowed to be taken by your child.



Dracut Public Schools **KINDERGARTEN**Common Health/Mass Health/Medicaid Insurance

January 2024

Dear Kindergarten Parent or Guardian,

Federal regulations allow us to receive money for students who have Common Health/Mass Health/Medicaid Insurance. By law, your assistance will not result in any loss of Medicaid benefits to your child. It will allow us to receive reimbursement for some of the education services that our children need. If you have Common Health/Mass Health/Medicaid Insurance, please help by completing section #1 below. If you do not have Common Health/Mass Health/Medicaid Insurance please go to #2 below.

INSURANCE AUTHORIZATION

#1 □ Yes, I	Parent or Guardian of
	give permission to the Dracut Public Schools to release l Assistance Division (Medicaid) regarding my child's services sursement of the cost of those services from the Medicaid
Parent's/Guardian's Signature	Date
Student's Medicaid Number	Student's Mass Health Number
Student's Common Health Number	Student's Social Security Number
#2. □ No, my child, Common Health/Mass Health/Medicaid I	does not have nsurance.
Parent's/Guardian's Signature	Date

Student Health and Medical Information

In case of emergency, the school will attempt to contact a parent/guardian before calling the student's primary care provider (physician). Your child will be transported by ambulance to an emergency care facility if necessary. Grade Student Name Does your child have health insurance? No Health Insurance Company Policy Number If you do not have health insurance, Massachusetts has health insurance plans that will provide uninsured children with affordable health care (restrictions may apply). Please contact the school nurse for more information about these program. Local Hospital Preference Physician's Name _____ Phone ____ Dentist Name Phone Please list all medications that your child takes and frequency of use Medication Medication Medication Frequency ____ Frequency Please check all that apply to your child and explain in space provided: Asthma Seizure Disorder **Heart Condition** Diabetes Migraines Depression Other (Specify) ADD/ADH D Explain ____ Allergies (food, insects, medication, environment, etc): Is Epipen Needed? Yes No This must be answered if child has ANY allergies Hearing Problems (specify) Left Ear Right Ear Hearing Aids Vision Problems (Specify) Wears eyeglasses Contact Lenses I give permission to the school nurse to share information relevant to my child's health condition with appropriate school personnel when needed to meet my child's health and safety needs. I give permission to exchange information with my child's primary care physician for the purpose of referral, diagnosis, and treatment. Note: Any medication, including over the counter medicine cannot be administered without a prescription by your child's physician. This MUST be completed EACH school year. This includes medication your child may self-administer (insulin, inhalers, Epipen, etc). Parent/Guardian Signature PERSON FOR NURSE TO CONTACT IN AN EMERGENCY (One must be parent) Print Name: Relation to Student: Phone Number: Print Name: Relation to Student:

Phone Number:

STUDENT EMERGENCY INFORMATION

(Please complete the info	ormation below)	Grade	Home Rm#
Student's Name			
Address	The state of the s	Telephone	(Entire Middle Name)
Student Lives With:	☐ Mother ☐ Father ☐ Both	☐ Guardian ☐	☐ Other
Location of Bus Stop		Bus # AM	Bus # PM
Gender Male Female Non Binary			
Date of Birth Place of Birth			
Language Spoken at H	ome		
Previous School		(If ne	ew to Dracut School System)
Day Care Information			
Day Care Provider	Day Care Telephone		
Day Care Address			' __
In case of emergency p	olease contact:		GRADE
Contact #1Relationship			
Address			
Home Telephone	Work TelephoneExt		
Contact #2	Work TelephoneExtExt		
Address			<u></u>
Home Telephone	Work Te	lephone	Ext
Contact #3	Relationship		
Address			TEACH
Home Telephone	Work Te	lephone	Ext ឣ៝
Should a school building emergency or weather related problems cause students to be dismissed early, who should be contacted?			
Name	Relationship		
Address	Phone		
ARE YOU HISPANIC OR LATINO? (Select ✓ Only One) No, not Hispanic or Latino Yes, Hispanic or Latino: a person of Cuban, Mexican, Chicano, Puerto Rican, South or Central American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.	WHAT IS YOUR RACE? YOUMAY SELECT ✓ ONE OR MORE RACES. White a person having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, the Middle East, or North Africa. Black or African American; a person having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa. American Indian or Alaska Native, a person having origins in any of the original peoples of North and South America (including Central America), and who maintains tribal affiliation or community attachment. Asian; a person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander; a person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands.		