



Blue Ridge CUSD#18
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Summer 2026

Dear Blue Ridge Parent/Guardian:

This is a courtesy letter that serves to remind you of the health requirements by grade level. While the deadline to have many items to the school office is the first day of school, August 19, 2026, it would be extremely helpful if you turned in your documents prior to the week of August 17. This will provide our staff with time to process the paperwork, allowing your student to have a smooth start to the school year. Below are the reminders of the requirements by grade level. Please also see the bottom of the letter for information on our undesignated medications that are available in each of our buildings.

Kindergarten, 6th grade and 9th grade **physicals** must, by state statute, list all current immunizations and be signed by certified health personnel. Physical forms also have a section that must be completed and signed by a parent. Physical forms must be turned into the school office by August 19, 2026. Students will not be allowed to attend the first day of school if their completed physical form has not been turned in and checked by the school nurse, so thank you for planning ahead. Kindergarten, 2nd grade, 6th grade, and 9th grade students need to have a **dental examination** by May 15, 2027. Kindergarten students need to have a **vision exam** by an optometrist by October 15, 2026. Seniors need to have their second dose of the **Meningococcal vaccine** by August 19, 2026.

2026-2027 Health Requirement Due Date Summary

Kindergarten-physical by August 19, 2026, vision by October 15, 2026, dental by May 15, 2027

2nd grade: dental by May 15, 2027

6th grade: physical by August 19, 2026, dental by May 15, 2027

9th grade: physical by August 19, 2026, dental by May 15, 2027

12th grade: second dose of Meningococcal vaccine by August 19, 2026

Health Requirement Summary

Physical Form:

This is required by the State of Illinois for the above mentioned students and is acceptable if dated within the past 12 months prior to the first day of school. Exam forms may be obtained from the school office. Consult your physician regarding lead screening for children younger than 6 years old. The **lead questionnaire must be completed for all students entering Pre-K and or Kindergarten. Please remember to fill out the health history portion of the physical form, sign, and date.**

Immunization Requirements:

- **DTAP (Diphtheria/Pertussis/Tetanus):** Pre-K students should have received 4 doses of Dtap with at least 6 months between the 3rd and 4th dose. Kindergarten through 5th grade should have received 4 or more doses of Dtap with the last dose being a booster and having been received on or after the 4th birthday. Students in 6th through 12th grades should have received one dose of Tdap.
- **Polio:** Students entering at any grade level should have received 4 or more doses of Polio, with the last dose having been received on or after the 4th birthday. Pre-K students should have 3 or more doses of Polio.
- **MMR:** Students entering at Kindergarten through 12th grades must have two MMR vaccines; the first dose should be on or after the 1st birthday. Pre-K students should have at least one MMR vaccine; this dose must be on or after the student's 1st birthday.
- **HIB (Haemophilus Influenza Type B):** Pre-K students should have 1 HIB vaccination on or after 15 months of age to be compliant. Kindergarten through 12th grade do not require this vaccine due to age.
- **Hepatitis B:** All students entering school should have 3 doses of Hepatitis B to complete the series following the correct dosing schedule. First two doses no more than 4 weeks apart and the interval between the 1st and 3rd dose must be at least 4 months.



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- **Varicella (Chicken Pox):** Pre-K students should have received one dose on or after the 1st birthday. Students entering Kindergarten through the 12th grades must have a total of 2 doses, the first dose should be on or after the 1st birthday.
 - **Pneumococcal:** Pre-K students should have received the primary series of at least one dose between 24-59 months of age. Kindergarten through the 12th grade do not require this vaccine due to age.
 - **Meningococcal:** Students entering 6th grade need to show proof of having received one dose on or after the 10th birthday. Students entering the 12th grade should have received 2 doses, the 1st dose being on or after the 10th birthday and the 2nd dose on or after the 16th birthday.

Dental:

Dental exams are required for students entering Kindergarten, 2nd grade, 6th grade, and 9th grade, homeschooled, or moved into the district from out of state. This form may be obtained from the school office.

Vision:

Vision exams by a licensed optometrist or ophthalmologist are required for all students entering into Kindergarten, homeschooled, or those who have moved into the district from out of state. This form may be obtained from the school office.

NOTE: ALL FORMS MUST BE SIGNED BY A PARENT/GUARDIAN BEFORE TURNING INTO THE OFFICE

In accordance with Board Policy 2:270 Administering Medicines to Students, each Blue Ridge CUSD #18 attendance center stocks undesignated Albuterol, Epinephrine, and Narcan for emergency use. If it is your wish for these medications not to be administered to your child in an emergency situation, you may make that request in writing to the attention of the School Nurse in your student's building.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's building secretary. You can also reach out to Hannah Ryan, hryan@blueridge18.org, for any Schneider Elementary or High School questions or Dawn Stout, dstout@blueridge18.org, for any BRIJHS questions. We can't wait to see you for the start of a memorable 2026-2027 school year!