

## **Revisions to School Health Services Regulations Effective 7/1/18**

**Effective 7/1/2018, the mandated years for health exams and screening will change. In addition, only the approved NYS School Health Examination Form may be used to document health exams to provide consistency across the state.**

### **The Changes Are Provided Below**

- Health examinations will be required in grades PreK or K, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11.
- Vision screening for distance and near vision acuity will be required within 6 months of admission to school and in grades Pre K or K, 1, 3, 5, 7, and 11.
- Hearing screening utilizing pure tone testing will be required within 6 months of admission to school and in grades Pre K or K, 1, 3, 5, 7, and 11.
- Scoliosis screening will be required in grades 5 and 7 for girls and grade 9 for boys.

### **What You Need To Know**

**The use of the approved health form and changes to the grade level requirements are not effective until 7/1/18.**

- Schools should use the current form and follow the current guidance for the remainder of this school year.
- 2018-2019 is a transition year and any health exam form signed by a NYS Physician, Nurse Practitioner, or Physician Assistant may be accepted.
- Changes for screening grades are not effective until 7/1/18 and will not be implemented until the 2018-2019 school year.
- Schools should notify parents/guardians whose students will be in grades PreK or K, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11 in the 2018-2019 school year now of the need to obtain a health examination for next school year.
- For the 2019-2020 school year, ONLY the approved NYSED form will be accepted.