

HealthCheck and Dental Exam Requirements for Students Entering Pre-K or Kindergarten and All Students in Grades 2, 7, and 12

Dear Parent and/or Guardian,

Children who are healthy do better in school, live longer, have more productive lives and higher self-esteem. Please work with your child's medical provider, Dentist and school to make sure your child has a great future and healthy smile!

Starting in the 2018-2019 school year, new students entering Pre-K or Kindergarten and all students entering grades 2, 7, and 12 are required to show proof of a dental examination and HealthCheck/comprehensive health examination prior to entry into school. If your child is going into kindergarten and did not provide proof of a dental examination in Pre-K, proof will need to be provided for kindergarten enrollment.

The dental examination and HealthCheck/comprehensive health examination should:

- Be completed within one year of the date of pre-enrollment or at the time of enrollment. There will be a grace period of 45 days from enrollment (first day of class) for students to provide proof of the completed dental and HealthCheck examinations.
- Provide proof that the student completed a dental and HealthCheck examination within the last 12 months at the time of enrollment. Your school may provide a form to document a student dental examination or the Dentist may have their own form which should include at a minimum, the date when the exam was given and the Dentist's signature.
- Your child's medical provider will provide you with the HealthCheck/comprehensive well child exam from their office.

If your child is enrolled in Medicaid, CHIP, or a health plan that includes dental coverage or a supplemental dental plan, the exam will be paid. If your child needs insurance, please visit WVinRoads at <https://www.wvinroads.org/selfservice/> to see if you qualify for Medicaid or CHIP. Insurance coverage for families can also be found at <https://www.healthcare.gov/>.

If your child has already received their HealthCheck/comprehensive health examination and dental examination, please ask your child's Doctor and Dentist to provide you with proof and then provide the documentation to your school.

Students entering 7th and 12th grades in 2018-2019 also need to show proof of Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and whooping cough) and meningitis vaccinations prior to the first day of school or at the time of enrollment. There is no grace period for these required immunizations. Adolescent immunizations are important to your child's health.

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