



MANASSAS CITY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Re: School Entrance Health Requirements for New Student Enrollment and Rising PreK and 7th Grade Students

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Code of Virginia mandates that parents provide schools with documentation that each child has met the health requirements for enrollment. If your child needs a physical examination or immunizations before starting school, please contact your doctor as soon as possible. Due to COVID-19, healthcare appointments may be more difficult to get. It is important to keep up with wellness visits and shots to protect children against illnesses such as whooping cough, chickenpox, and measles. Health requirements for entry into school are as follows:

- **Physical examination – Prekindergarten, Kindergarten, and students new to the district**
 - The *Code of Virginia* requires a physical examination for first time admission to any public kindergarten or elementary school (K-6).
 - The examination must have been performed within the twelve months **before** the first day of kindergarten. This applies to currently enrolled prekindergarten students as well as new kindergarten students.
 - The examination must contain all of the elements on the Virginia [School Entrance Health Form](#). Records from other school divisions are accepted for students transferring into the division provided the Virginia requirements are met, including a tuberculosis risk assessment or screening.
- **Vaccinations**
 - **All grade levels** - State law mandates that each child's vaccination records comply with Virginia's [School and Day Care Minimum Immunization Requirements](#) before the student may attend classes. Accommodations for meeting vaccination requirements may be made for students who are military dependents, homeless, or in foster care.
 - **Grades 6 – 12** - As children get older, there are additional requirements for vaccinations.
 - **6th grade - HPV (Human Papilloma Virus)** – Schools are to provide parents of rising 6th graders information on this required vaccination. Please review the [information on HPV from the state health department](#). After reading it, you may choose for your child not to receive the HPV vaccine.
 - **7th – 12th grade - Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis)** – **All students are required to provide valid documentation of having received the Tdap vaccine before entering 7th grade.** The school must have your child's proof of Tdap immunization on file before the first day of school in order for your child to participate in classes. **There is no conditional enrollment for Tdap.**

Vaccinations are available from your primary health care provider, military clinics, stand-alone health care/urgent care centers, or the Prince William Health District (PWHD) (703-792-6300). Due to COVID-19 response efforts, PWHD has limited immunization availability. The Greater Prince William Health Center (703-680-7950), a Federally Qualified Health Center, offers services with fees based on a sliding scale. Please make a provider's appointment for your child as soon as possible. Be sure to take your child's current shot record with you to the doctor's appointment. The closer it gets to the start of a new school year, the harder it may be to get an appointment.

Please bring your child's updated records with you as directed by the school registrar.

Thank you for helping us to care for your student.

Sincerely,
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