



Date: **March 2023**

Re: Health Requirements for New Students and Rising Kindergarten Students in the Elementary Schools

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Code of Virginia mandates that parents provide schools with documentation that each child has met the health requirements for enrollment. Please review the information below. If your child needs a physical examination or immunizations before starting the next school year, please contact your doctor as soon as possible.

**Health requirements for school enrollment are as follows:**

**Physical examination** – Prekindergarten (PreK), Kindergarten (KG), 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 (KG-5).
- The examination must have been performed within the twelve (12) months before the first day of KG. This applies to currently enrolled PreK students as well as new KG students.
- New students in grades 1-4, may provide a recently completed physical exam or one that was completed within 12 months of the student's entry into a public school.
- The examination must contain all of the elements on the Virginia School Entrance Health Form. The Virginia School Entrance Health form can be found at: <https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/58/2021/03/MCH-213G-032014.pdf>
- Records from healthcare providers and transfer records from other school divisions are accepted, provided the Virginia requirements are met.
- All students must show proof of tuberculosis (TB) screening within the year prior to school entry. Students may be required to have a new screening if a new risk of TB infection is identified.

**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.

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- **Spanish:** [https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/11/2021/03/Spanish\\_Min\\_Requirements.pdf](https://www.vdh.virginia.gov/content/uploads/sites/11/2021/03/Spanish_Min_Requirements.pdf)
- Beginning in July 2021, Kindergarten students are required to have the Hepatitis A (HAV) series for school enrollment. For school year **2023-2024** Kindergarten, **1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>** grade students must meet this requirement. Older student's will be considered "grandfathered" for compliance. Students with one dose of HAV are eligible for conditional enrollment.
- Accommodations may be made for students who are homeless or in foster care.

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). Be sure to take your child's current shot record with you to the appointment.

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

Thank you for helping us to care for your student.

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