

Important Information for Kindergarten Entrance

Packet

This packet includes several important forms that you will need to complete and return to the school office before your kindergartener begins their first day of school. This includes the Health Questionnaire, CHIRP Consent, Physical Exam, Dental Exam, Vision Exam and a copy of your child's up to date immunizations.

About washing hands:

Now is the time to teach your child the importance of good hand washing. Keeping hands clean is one of the best ways to prevent the spread of infection and illness. Help your child stay healthy by teaching and encouraging good hand washing habits.

Regular sleep is very important:

Regular sleep habits are very important to the health and well-being of your child. A young child needs, on average, 10-12 hours of sleep a night. Establish a regular bedtime. Turn off the TV and videos and read a book before bed!

About Kindergarten Immunizations:

IC 20-34-4-2 requires that all students entering Kindergarten be fully immunized following the ACIP (Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices) and Indiana State Department of Health guidelines. These mandatory vaccinations include DTaP (5), IPV (4), Hepatitis B (3), MMR (2), Varicella (2) and Hepatitis A (2). These minimum doses must be met and they must have been given at the proper minimum age and have the proper intervals between each one to be acceptable for the state school requirements. A photocopied record of your child's immunizations from your child's physician must be provided to the school **BEFORE THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL** as proof of the vaccines having been given. Students who will not be receiving immunizations for religious reasons (IC 20-34-3-2), or those who have a medical contraindication (IC 20-34-3-3) to vaccine administration, must have the appropriate exemption forms filed annually with the school office (contact the school office to obtain the correct form).

It is important that you review your child's immunization records now and obtain these necessary immunizations from your child's physician, the Fort Wayne Allen County Department of Health, or any Super Shot location. Remember to provide the school with documentation of all shots received from infancy through the current date.

Vision: Required FREE vision MCT Exam for all kindergarteners:

IC 20-34-3-12 requires all kindergarten or first grade students to have an MCT vision exam done by either an optometrist or ophthalmologist.

We have chosen kindergarten to be done. **To take advantage of a FREE vision screening for your child, please check the back side of the "Kindergarten Vision Examination" form for a list of local optometrists who have agreed to provide this service at no cost for your kindergarten child for a limited time.**

If you prefer to use your own optometrist or ophthalmologist, please take this form to their office and have them completely fill out after your child's exam. Please understand that if you choose your own, you may have an additional cost to incur. It is important that your child be screened for any vision problems at an early age to detect and correct any abnormalities that may exist. Having an eye professional perform this exam is vital. **This exam needs to be done and submitted to the school office no later than the first day of school.**

Dental: Kindergarten students are required to have the "Dental Examination" form completed prior to their first day of school. But, we encourage all of our students to visit their dentist regularly as it is an important part of our general health and well-being. **The "Dental Exam" form is to be submitted to the school office no later than the first day of school**