



**School Readiness:  
Check Points for Student Health  
for 2017/18 School Year**



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# **School Readiness Check Points for Health for New Students Entering PreK or Kindergarten and Students in Grades 2 and 7**

## **Parent Letter**

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 2017/18 school year, new students entering PreK or Kindergarten and students entering grades 2 and 7 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 PreK, 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. In order for the school to assist with follow-up care coordination, it would be beneficial if the information indicated the need for additional dental work.
- 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 in sixth grade also need to show proof of the booster dose of Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and whooping cough) and the first dose of meningitis prior to entering 7th grade. Adolescent immunizations are important to your child's health.

If you have any questions about the requirements, need assistance with finding a Medical Doctor and/or Dentist, or coverage for the exam cost, please contact **[insert school contact here]**.

For more information, please contact:

**Name, Title**  
**Phone number**  
**E-mail Address**

## **Radio Liners:**

To be used to inform parents about the 2017/18 dental and HealthCheck examination requirements for Pre-K and Kindergarten and students entering 2nd and 7th grades.

### **:30 Second Radio Liner**

**Name** School would like to inform you that beginning in the 2017/2018 school year, new students entering in PreK or Kindergarten and students entering second and seventh grades are required to show proof of a dental examination and HealthCheck/comprehensive health examination prior to entry into school. Please make an appointment with your child's Doctor and Dentist to make sure they have completed the HealthCheck and dental exam requirements and provide proof of the exam to the school. Also, students going into seventh grade need a Tdap and meningitis vaccination. Children with healthy bodies live longer, have more productive lives and higher self-esteem. The overall health of your child is important to ensure their school success, health and happiness. The HealthCheck provides regular check-ups, screenings, preventive services and the required adolescent immunizations to enter grade 7. Please work with your Doctor, Dentist and school to make sure your child is healthy and ready for school! For more information, contact **Name** at **Phone Number**.

### **:15 Second Radio Liner**

**Name** School would like to inform you that beginning in 2017/2018 school year, new students entering in PreK or Kindergarten and students entering second and seventh grades are required to show proof of a dental examination and HealthCheck/comprehensive health examination prior to entry into school. Please make an appointment with your child's Doctor and Dentist to make sure your child or children have completed the HealthCheck and dental exam requirements and provide proof to the school. Students in seventh grade are also required to have the Tdap and meningitis shots to enter. Call **Name** at **Phone Number** for more information.

### **Note to on-air staff:**

In case you receive calls, here is some info that will be helpful to share:

**(Insert your school contact info and link to school website with specific information about the requirements here)**

## **Automated Telephone System Announcement**

This is a message from **Name** County Schools.

Parents, beginning with the 2017/2018 school year, new students entering PreK or Kindergarten and any student entering second and seventh grades are required to show proof of a dental and HealthCheck/comprehensive health examination prior to entry into school. Students in seventh grade are also required to have the Tdap and meningitis shots to enter. Please make an appointment with your child's Doctor and Dentist to make sure they have completed the examination requirements and provide proof to the school.

For more information, please contact **Name** at **Phone Number** or visit the school website at **Website Address**.

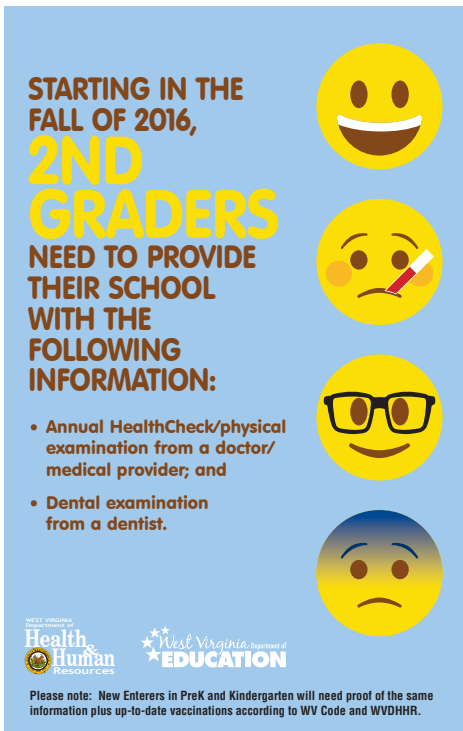
## Available Promotional Resources:

### PreK and Kindergarten:



A Family's Guide to School Readiness (new enterers in PreK and K) is available to download at <http://wvde.state.wv.us/ready-set-go/doc/school-readiness-family-brochure.pdf> or contact the WVDE Office of Early Learning at (304) 558-9994 to request copies of the brochure for your county.

### New Enterers in PreK or Kindergarten and Grade 2



**STARTING IN THE FALL OF 2016, 2ND GRADERS NEED TO PROVIDE THEIR SCHOOL WITH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:**

- Annual HealthCheck/physical examination from a doctor/medical provider; and
- Dental examination from a dentist.

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Please note: New Enterers in PreK and Kindergarten will need proof of the same information plus up-to-date vaccinations according to WV Code and WVDHHR.

The Regional HealthCheck Specialist have distributed postcards to medical providers throughout West Virginia and bordering states to promote the Grade 2 school health checkpoints. The postcard template and poster (8 ½ X 11) is available to download and print at <https://wvde.state.wv.us/healthyschools/>. Please contact the WVDE Office of Special Education at (304) 558-2696 for any questions.

## Grades 7 and 12:

**ATTENTION STUDENTS & FAMILIES!**

**Starting in Fall 2017, 7th graders and in Fall 2018, 7th and 12th graders, need:**

- Annual HealthCheck/physical examination from a doctor/medical provider
- Dental examination from a dentist; and
- Already required adolescent vaccinations (Tdap and Meningitis shots).

**New School Health Requirements for all 7th & 12th Graders**

Please begin obtaining proof of this information now and submit it throughout the school year for enrollment in 2017 for 7th graders and in 2018 for 12th graders. Contact your school for more information about requirements.

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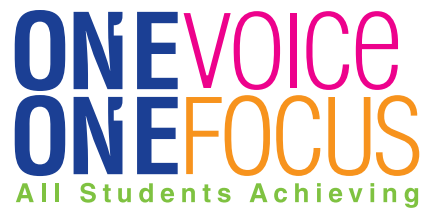
The RESA-Wellness Network distributed banners for all middle and high schools to promote the 2017/18 school health checkpoints. If you are in need of a banner, please contact your RESA-Wellness Specialist. The poster (8 ½ X 11) is available to download and print at <https://wvde.state.wv.us/healthyschools/>. Please contact the WVDE Office of Special Education at (304) 558-2696 for any questions.

## Tool Kits:

Go to <http://wvde.state.wv.us/healthyschools/> to find the following Tool Kits:

- HealthCheck
- Dental
- Immunization





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