

*Morgan County Schools*

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**EVERY CHILD  
EVERY DAY**

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**School Readiness Check Points for Health/Dental  
For New Students Entering PreK and Kindergarten  
And Students Entering Grades 2, 7 and 12**

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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 ensure your child has a great future and healthy smile!

Starting in the 2018-2019 school year, new students entering PreK and Kindergarten and 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 PreK, proof will need to be provided for kindergarten enrollment.

The dental examination and HealthCheck/comprehensive health examination must 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. If exams have already been completed, please forward documentation to the school. Written proof must be provided by having the physician and dentist complete either the enclosed form(s) or their own form(s) and returning those to the Morgan County Board of Education.

Students entering 7th grade also need to show proof of the booster dose of Tdap immunization (tetanus, diphtheria and whooping cough) and the first dose of meningitis immunization prior to the first day of school, Monday, August 20.

Students entering 12<sup>th</sup> grade must also show proof they received a dose of Tdap vaccine, which protects against tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (whooping cough). They must also show proof they received a second dose of the meningitis vaccine if the first dose of meningitis vaccine was given **before** the child's 16<sup>th</sup> birthday. If the first dose was given **after** the 16<sup>th</sup> birthday, then a second dose of meningitis is not required. Proof of these additional vaccinations must be submitted prior to the first day of school, Monday, August 20.

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 you are unable to get to your dentist for the dental exam you may be eligible to participate in the WVU Children's Dental Program, please see the requirements, complete the attached form and return in the enclosed envelope. These exams will be scheduled and performed at school in early September. Registration deadline for the WVU Children's Dental Program is July 27. Return all completed forms to Morgan County Board of Education by July 27.

If you have any questions about the requirements or need assistance with finding a medical doctor and/or dentist, please contact Angie Beddow, Director of Child Nutrition/Health Services, at (304) 258-2430 x 2031 or email at [abeddow@k12.wv.us](mailto:abeddow@k12.wv.us).

Thank you for your attention to these matters.



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Enclosures