

SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES
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Dear Kindergarten Parents,

Beginning school is an important event in your child's life. In order that your child benefit the most from this important step, good health is essential. **HEALTHY KIDS LEARN BETTER.** North Carolina State Law requires children entering Kindergarten to have received:

- 5 DTaP
- 4 Polio
- 3 Hep B
- 4 HIB
- 2 Varicella
- 2 MMR
- Physical Exam - Acceptable if done within 12 months prior to date of school entry.

Immunizations may be received through your private doctor or through the Mecklenburg County Health Department. For an appointment at the Health Department, call 704-336-6500. Be sure to bring your child's immunization record with you to the Health Department.

Each child entering Kindergarten in the public schools must have a physical exam. The physical exam shall be done within 12 months prior to the date of school entry. Contact your health care provider to make arrangements for this examination.

It is **very important** for the school to have a telephone number where you can be reached in case of an emergency. Please keep the school updated when your phone number changes.

If your child needs to take medication at school, please have a medication authorization form filled out by the doctor and signed by **both** you and the doctor. **We will not be able to give medication unless a correct authorization is on file.**

If you have questions or need assistance, I can be reached at

School Public Health Nurse
Mecklenburg County Public Health Dept.