

What does my child need to start school?? **K-12**

Every parent needs to know what our state requires for enrollment in our schools, before the first day of school.

1. An original birth certificate, **certified**, by the state of birth is required, or documentation required for children born outside of the US.
2. **Your child must be 5 years old by September 30th, 2020.**
3. Any court orders regarding custody of child.
4. You must present written documentation of a physical examination performed within 12 months of the first day of school. (August 16th, 2019 or later) Preferably, on a Virginia state form.
5. Children must have received 5 year old vaccinations, or have a plan for “catch up” vaccinations. (as listed on the Virginia Commonwealth Physical Form) and provide this list to their school.
6. Children entering 7th grade or above should receive at Tdap booster and provide written proof of this booster. (Meningococcal and HPV also strongly encouraged by code.)
7. Name, address, and phone number of primary health care provider and dentist.

These requirements are codes, or laws, passed by our state, to protect your family and your neighbor’s families. The local health department offers birth certificates and holds vaccination clinics Monday through Thursday.

What information is helpful to keep my child safe at school?

We guard your child's private information and only share with person's directly involved in his care.

Fill out health sheet completely. Please share any medications or health concerns for your child. Name, address, and phone number of primary health care provider and dentist is extremely helpful with emergencies.

1. Provide a medication list to the school nurse, include any prescribed medications given at home. List allergies. Obtain medical provider's order for child to receive medications at school, for every new school year.
2. Update phone numbers as they change. It is important that we can reach you regarding your child's health.
3. Follow up with any infectious diagnosis, so we may share with the department of health to prevent spread of illness.
4. Include vision, hearing, and speech professional care as needed, for your child or previously received.

Please, remember, our school nurses are advocates for health in our schools. There are many resources, we can share, to help you obtain professional care for your children.

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