



Welcome to Preschool

Dear Parents,

Is Your Child Starting School? Most 4-year-olds enjoy and look forward to the social and learning opportunities provided by early education. Did you know that immunizations and a comprehensive wellness screening are required for new school entry?

All children entering an approved WV Pre-K classroom should have on file within 45 days of enrollment, or prior to the first day of school attendance, a record of a HealthCheck screening, or other comprehensive health screening comparable to the HealthCheck protocol. All screening forms shall be signed and dated by the child's licensed health care provider and completed within the past 12 calendar months. Counties can retain the right to conduct follow-up screening.

What to Expect at the 4 Year Visit

During this visit some questions your provider may ask include:

- How is your child learning and getting ready for school?
- How does your child communicate what s/he wants and knows?
- Is your child interested in other children? Does your child play with other children?
- Your child's height, weight, body mass index, and blood pressure will be measured.
- Your child will have a visual acuity screening and a hearing screening.
- Your child will have a complete head-to-toe physical examination.
- Your provider will ask questions about exposure to tuberculosis and lead.
- Your child may receive one or more immunizations.

Throughout the visit, you will have opportunities to talk with the provider about questions and concerns you may have about your child. In addition, your provider will give you age-appropriate information on safety, and talk about healthy habits, school readiness and the importance of play.

Your healthcare provider will provide documentation of the immunizations and wellness screens that your child has received. This information will need to be given to the school to complete the enrollment process.

In addition to the WV HealthCheck, all children entering a WV Pre-K classroom should have on file within 45 days of enrollment, or prior to the first day of school attendance, a record of an oral health examination (see guidelines on the reverse side of this letter).

If you have questions regarding health requirements for school enrollment, you may contact your school principal, school nurse, Tammy Clarkson, Preschool Coordinator (304-273-3545), Rhonda Jelich, Elementary Director (304-372-7308), or Lisa Martin, Director of Health Services (304-372-7309).