

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR KINDERGARTEN/FIRST GRADE SCHOOL ENTRY

Children beginning school for the first time must show proof that they have received a health examination and immunizations, before they can attend school.

Each school will ask that the attached, ‘**REPORT OF HEALTH EXAMINATION FOR SCHOOL ENTRY**’ be brought to school, completed and signed by a doctor.

THE HEALTH EXAMINATION:

Must be obtained no earlier than six months before entering kindergarten or eighteen months before entering first grade.

MUST INCLUDE the following services:

- health and development history
- complete physical history
- examination of teeth and gums
- vision screen
- hearing screening
- blood screening test for anemia and lead
- tuberculosis risk assessment

THE IMMUNIZATIONS:

Must include immunizations against measles, mumps and rubella, given four days before or after the first birthday; against diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough (DPT/DTaP/DT/Td); against polio (IPV); against Hepatitis B (HepB), and against chickenpox (varicella) or health care provider documented varicella disease.

Students entering the 7th grade are required to have a pertussis-containing vaccine (Tdap). For more information, visit the “Shots for School” website at www.shotsforschools.org

ORAL HEALTH ASSESSMENT:

Must be completed by a licensed dental professional.

HOW AND WHERE TO GET SERVICES:

If your child is on Medi-Cal or your family income is lower than 266% of the Federal Poverty Level, your child may be eligible for a **FREE EXAMINATION AND IMMUNIZATIONS.**

The child must go to one of the CHDP PROGRAM CERTIFIED PHYSICIANS OR CLINICS to get a free exam. If you have Medi-Cal, call your Primary Care Physician for an appointment.

If your child is not eligible for a free examination, call your family doctor, pediatrician or USUAL SOURCE OF MEDICAL CARE.

If your child is not eligible for a free examination, but still needs more immunizations and you cannot afford them, call the KERN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT at (661) 321-3000 to ask about immunization clinics.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT SCHOOL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

Call your school district office for more information about your district’s requirements. Call the Health Department, CHDP Program if you need more information about health examinations or are unable to obtain an examination for your child: (661) 321-3000 or toll free (877) 818-4787.