

## SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES A Partnership for Serving Children

Dear Parents:

Beginning school is an important event in your child's life. For your child to 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 had:**

- 5 DTaP/DT – 4 doses if one dose is after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday.
- 4 Polio – 3 doses if one is after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday
- 3 Hepatitis B
- 2 Varicella -1<sup>st</sup> dose on or after the 1<sup>st</sup> birthday
- 2 MMR – 1<sup>st</sup> dose on or after the 1<sup>st</sup> birthday
- Kindergarten Health Assessment – **Done no more than 12 months prior to the 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 RECEIVE A HEALTH ASSESSMENT.** The health assessment must be done no more than 12 months prior to the date of school entry. Contact your health care provider to make arrangements for this examination and take the Kindergarten Health Assessment form with you to the appointment.

**It is very important the school has 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 the medication unless a correct authorization is on file.**

I am not at the school every day, but I'm available by phone if the school needs me. If you have questions or need assistance, I can be reached at 980-343-1071.

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