

Getting Ready for Kindergarten

Health needs may affect a child's ability to learn. Sharing Health Information is an important part of planning for a child's needs at school. Call the school nurse with questions at 608-935-3307 option 2.

Several things need to be completed before a child enters Kindergarten:

- ❖ Have a physical exam completed before school starts and return the form to the school nurse.
 - Physical exams are recommended, *not required*
 - If you do not have health insurance contact the school nurse or the Community Free Clinic (Phone 608-930-2232) or Iowa County Health Department (608-930-9870).
- ❖ Have a dental exam completed and return the forms to the school nurse.
 - Dental exams are recommended *not required*
 - Bridging Brighter Smiles provides free or low cost care at school for children (enrollment forms are on school website)
 - Access Dental Care provides free or low cost services in Dodgeville (Phone 608-935-5550)
 - Contact your dental provider for care
- ❖ Have a vision exam completed and return the form to the school nurse.
 - Vision exams are recommended, *not required*
 - Information about assistance paying for vision care is available by contacting the school nurse
 - The Dodgeville Lions Club does vision screening at school, but this does not replace a professional eye exam. Students with glasses need professional eye exams every year. Students with possible vision problems should see an "eye doctor".
- ❖ **Parents are responsible for providing the school with a current copy of the child's immunization record.**
 - All students must have an up to date immunization record on file at school by September 1st of the current school year
 - The school nurse will attempt to obtain the records from the Wisconsin Immunization Registry, but it is the parent's responsibility to provide records not available by that method
 - If a parent chooses to waiver immunizations or the student is not current on immunizations, the signed forms indicating this **must be on file** at school by September 1st of the current school year
 - Immunizations are provided free of charge at Iowa County Health Department to qualifying students (Phone 608-930-9870)
 - Contact your healthcare provider for immunizations if needed

Immunizations Required for Kindergarten Entrance

According to Wisconsin State Law to enter Kindergarten every student needs to have completed:

- 4 DPT, one after age 4
- 4 polio
- 3 hepatitis B
- 2 MMR

- 2 varicella (chicken pox)