

# WILLIAMSBURG SCHOOLS

## PLANNING FOR KINDERGARTEN ENTRY

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Welcome. This letter provides you with health requirements related to kindergarten entrance. The following requirements and recommendation are according to the most recent Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) School Health Guidelines. Your child **MUST** meet these requirements prior to attending kindergarten. Please make sure immunization records arrive at school 2 weeks prior to the start of school.

### REQUIRED

- ◆ **Physical Examination:** A copy of your child's most recent physical exam done within 6 months of the start of school. If your insurance will only cover a yearly physical, then one from the previous year will be accepted until the current one occurs. Then we will need a copy of that physical exam.
- ◆ **Vision Screening Documentation:** The state of Massachusetts requires all physicians to perform vision screening. (Chapter 181) Please make sure your child's physician does this exam and provides documentation of the results for you to bring to school (This includes linear distance and stereopsis)

- ◆ **Immunizations:\*** A copy of your child's immunization status including:

3 doses of Hepatitis B

5 doses of DTap, unless 4<sup>th</sup> dose was given on or after 4<sup>th</sup> birthday

4 doses of IPV, unless 3<sup>rd</sup> dose was given on or after 4<sup>th</sup> birthday

1-4 doses of Hib

2 dose of MMR, the 1<sup>st</sup> dose must have been given on or after the first birthday.

1 dose of varicella or documentation from physician stating the child had the disease.

**IMMUNIZATIONS CAN BE FAXED DIRECTLY TO: (413) 268-8420**

***\*the only exemptions allowed for immunizations are for medical or religious reasons***

***(105 CMR 220.000)***. If your child has an exemption you must provide written documentation stating the reason for the exemption. This documentation will stay on file for the duration of your child's schooling in our district. Please be aware that should a vaccine-preventable disease outbreak occur in school your unvaccinated child may need to be excluded from school for a specified period of time depending on the disease and MDPH guidelines.

- ◆ **Lead Screening Documentation:** At least one screen must have been done between the ages of 9 months and 5 years to be allowed entry into kindergarten. Those who have never been screened for lead poisoning must be tested prior to entry. A child cannot be "religiously" exempted from having a lead test. It is not considered an immunization.

### RECOMMENDED

- ◆ **TB Screening Documentation:** This can be in the form of a verbal screening or a Mantoux test result: Per the physician's discretion.

**If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact  
The Williamsburg school nurse at 268-7345.**