



**West York Area School District**  
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203 School Health Act Letter

Dear Parent or Guardian:

In accordance with the School Health Act, the District requires examinations and other procedures for children at certain grade levels. Specifically, students shall receive:

- Immunizations listed on the back of this page
- A physical examination upon original school admission (i.e. kindergarten or first grade), grades 6 and 11
- A dental examination upon original school admission (i.e. kindergarten or first grade), grades 3 and 7
- A vision acuity test annually in all grades
- A hearing acuity test in kindergarten, grades 1, 2, 3, 7, and 11
- Measurement of height, weight and Body Mass Index annually (required for all grades)
- Scoliosis screening in grades 6 and 7

A complete listing of mandated immunizations is on the reverse side of this letter. We encourage parents to have their family healthcare provider or dentist administer the physical and dental examination, respectively. **A private health and/or dental examination conducted at the parent's/guardian's request and expense will be accepted in lieu of school examination. THE DISTRICT WILL ACCEPT REPORTS OF PRIVATELY CONDUCTED PHYSICAL AND DENTAL EXAMINATIONS COMPLETED WITHIN ONE (1) YEAR PRIOR TO A STUDENT'S ENTRY INTO THE GRADE WHERE AN EXAM IS REQUIRED** (i.e. grades 6 and 11). If a physical or dental form is not returned, the school nurse will schedule your child for a school examination provided free of charge. You will be notified of the date and time of this exam and are invited to be present during the exam. Your prompt return of forms completed by your family physician or dentist will help assure compliance with the State requirements.

Throughout the course of the school year all students will receive a vision acuity test and measurements of height, weight, and Body Mass Index (BMI). The school nurse schedules these screenings to take place during the school day.

Physical and dental forms may be obtained from the school office or school nurse. Parents who enroll students during the school year should either have necessary records transferred or will receive instructions during registration to comply with the State health requirements.

Sincerely,

**West York Area School District**

Todd M. Davies  
Superintendent



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## INOCULATIONS

Mandated Immunizations:

- 4 doses of tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis\* **(1 dose on or after the 4th birthday)**
- 4 doses of polio (4<sup>th</sup> dose on or after 4<sup>th</sup> birthday and at least 6 months after previous dose given)\*\*
- 2 doses of measles, mumps, rubella\*\*\*
- 3 doses of hepatitis B
- 2 doses of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine or evidence of immunity

7<sup>th</sup> grade requirements:

- 1 dose of tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap) on the first day of 7<sup>th</sup> grade  
1 dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV) on the first day of 7<sup>th</sup> grade

12<sup>th</sup> grade requirements:

- 1 dose of MCV on the first day of 12<sup>th</sup> grade. If one dose was given at 16 years of age or older, that shall count as the 12<sup>th</sup> grade dose.

\*Usually given as DTP or DTaP or if medically advisable, DT or Td

\*\*A fourth dose is not necessary if the third dose was administered at age 4 years or older and at least 6 months after the previous dose

\*\*\*Usually given as MMR