



BOYERTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
EDUCATION CENTER

“to enable all students to succeed in a changing world”

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Pennsylvania State Law requires medical examinations for children entering kindergarten, grades 6 and 11. Dental exams are required for kindergarten, grade 3 and grade 7. These grades were selected because they represent critical periods of growth and development in a child's life. We recommend that your family physician and/or dentist complete these examinations since they can best evaluate your child's health and assist you in obtaining any necessary treatment.

The medical examination by your family physician is a good time to check your child's immunization record. The law requires vaccines for diphtheria, tetanus, polio, measles, rubella (German measles), and mumps for all students in kindergarten through 12th grade in public, private and parochial schools. **Additionally, children entering school for the first time after August 1997 are required to have been immunized for Hepatitis B. New immunization laws effective as of the 2002-2003 school year require varicella (chicken pox) immunity* for all children entering school in kindergarten, 1st grade and 7th grade.** (Varicella immunity = the vaccine, or history of having had the disease, or lab test.) Students who do not have these required immunizations face exclusion from school. The physicians in the Boyertown area have a copy of the immunization guidelines and know what is required.

It is important that the school have a record of your child's physical/dental health and immunization status. This record enables the school staff to help students achieve maximum benefits from their educational opportunities.

We are providing you with the examination form(s) now so you may have the opportunity to have the examination(s) completed by the time your child enters school or reaches a grade designated by the state. Examinations will be accepted if completed anytime in the 12-month period preceding the entrance into school or the designated grade. Please have the form(s) completed and return them to your child's school by September 15th or at time of registration. It is also possible for you to request that the school doctor and/or school dentist examine your child in order to meet your obligation. Please contact your school nurse if you are interested in scheduling an exam.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Dion E. Betts".

Dion E. Betts, Ed.D.
Superintendent

Enclosures

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