

Getting Ready for School

KENTUCKY STATE HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Immunization Certificate:

All students must have a current immunization certificate on file at their school. This form should show that your child has received all required vaccines. It is due within two weeks of starting school. If your child does not have health insurance or a doctor, JCPS can help with vaccines. Call Health & Wellness at (502) 485-3387.

Physical Examinations:

Students new to Kentucky schools, starting preschool or Kindergarten for the first time, and all students entering 6th grade must have a physical exam. This exam should be documented on the "Kentucky Preventive Health Care Form." If your child does not have health insurance or a doctor, talk to your school nurse or call Health & Wellness at (502) 485-3387 for help.

Vision Examinations:

All children entering a Kentucky school for the first time at age 3, 4, 5, or 6 are required to have a Kentucky Vision Examination form on file at their school by January 1. This exam must be completed by an eye doctor (optometrist or ophthalmologist) to ensure your child's vision is ready for learning. Please note that the vision check included in the regular school physical does not meet this requirement.

Dental Screening or Examinations:

All 5- and 6-year-old students entering a Kentucky school for the first time must have a Kentucky Dental Screening or Examination form on file at their school by January 1. If your child does not have insurance that covers a dental exam, please contact your school nurse to arrange for a screening at school.

Health Conditions and Medications:

Any student that has a health condition (asthma, allergies, seizures, diabetes, etc.) should have a School Health Plan and/or Permission form for prescribed or over-the-counter drugs on file at the school. These forms need to be completed by the parent/guardian and the healthcare provider (school health plans). If you do not have a health care provider or health insurance, contact your school's nurse practitioner.

These forms are available in multiple languages at each JCPS school or at JCPS Health Services website located at the QR code to the right.



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