

## Morgan County Schools

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## EVERY CHILD EVERY DAY

School Entry Dental Examination Requirements for Pre-K and Kindergarten

Dear Parent and/or Guardian:

Children with healthy teeth live longer, have more productive lives and higher self-esteem; therefore, the oral health of your child is important to ensure their school success, health and happiness. Please work with your dentist and school to ensure your child has a healthy smile and great life!

Students entering school at this stage are required to show proof of a dental examination prior to entry. If your child is going into kindergarten and proof of a dental examination has not been previously provided, it will need to be provided for kindergarten enrollment.

The dental examination should:

- Be completed within one year of the date of pre-enrollment or at the time of enrollment. There will be a
  grace period of 45 days from enrollment (first day of class) for students to provide proof of the completed
  dental examination.
- Your school provides a form to document a student dental examination and the dentist may also have their own form which should include, at a minimum, the date when the exam was given and the dentist's signature. In order for the school to assist with follow-up care coordination with your dentist, it would also be beneficial if the information on the form also indicated any need for additional dental work.

If your child is enrolled in Medicaid, CHIP, or any other dental insurance plan, the exam will be paid for by them. If your child needs insurance, qualifications for Medicaid and/or CHIP may be found at WVinRoads at https://www.wvinroads.org/selfservice/.

If you have any questions about the requirements or need assistance with finding a dentist or coverage for exam cost, please contact the school nurse.

For more information, please contact:

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