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Joint Pre-K/Head Start and Kindergarten registration for the 2017-2018 school term has been scheduled for March. Registration hours for all schools are between 9:00am to 2:00 pm. All kindergarten age children entering school for the first time **must** enroll in kindergarten. A child must be five (5) years of age by September 30, 2017 to enroll in the kindergarten program. A child must be four (4) years of age by September 30, 2017 to enroll in the pre-k program. Head Start will register 3 year-olds and 4 year-olds during this registration process.

• March 23, 2017	Riverview Elementary/Middle School	9:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Kindergarten ONLY
• March 24, 2017	Riverview Elementary/Middle School	9:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Head Start/Pre-K/Kindergarten
• March 28, 2017	Council Elementary/Middle School	9:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Head Start/Pre-K/Kindergarten
• March 29, 2017	Hurley Elementary/Middle School	9:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Head Start/Pre-K/Kindergarten
• March 30, 2017	Twin Valley Elementary/Middle School	9:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Head Start/Pre-K/Kindergarten
• March 31, 2017	J. M. Bevins Elementary School	9:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Head Start/Pre-K/Kindergarten

To enroll your child, parents must bring the following items at the time of registration:

- The child's STATE birth certificate (not county/hospital)
- Social Security Card (**Head Start ONLY**)
- The child's immunization (shot) records (See guidelines below)
- The child's current "School Entrance Health Form" (your doctor has these forms in his/her office)
- Proof of Residency (Electric Bill/Residential Tax Ticket) and Income (W2, Pay Stub) - **Pre-K/Head Start only**

Documentary proof shall be provided of adequate age appropriate immunization with the prescribed number of doses of vaccine indicated below for attendance at a public or private elementary, middle or secondary school, child care center, nursery school, family day care home or developmental center.

- **Diphtheria, Tetanus, & Pertussis (DTaP, DTP, or Tdap).** A minimum of 4 doses. A child must have at least one dose of DTaP or DTP vaccine on or after the fourth birthday. DT (Diphtheria, Tetanus) vaccine is required for children who are medically exempt from the pertussis containing vaccine (DTaP or DTP). Adult Td is required for children 7 years of age and older who do not meet the minimum requirements for tetanus and diphtheria. Effective July 1, 2014, a booster dose of Tdap vaccine is required for all children entering the 6th grade.
- **Hepatitis B Vaccine.** A complete series of 3 doses of hepatitis B vaccine is required for all children. However, the FDA has approved a 2-dose schedule **ONLY** for adolescents 11-15 years of age **AND ONLY when the Merck Brand (RECOMBIVAX HB) Adult Formulation Hepatitis B Vaccine** is used. If the 2-dose schedule is used for adolescents 11-15 years of age it must be clearly documented on the school form.
- **Measles, Mumps, & Rubella (MMR) Vaccine.** A minimum of 2 measles, 2 mumps, and 1 rubella. (Most children receive 2 doses of each because the vaccine usually administered is the combination vaccine MMR). First dose must be administered at age 12 months or older. Second dose of vaccine must be administered prior to entering kindergarten but can be administered at any time after the minimum interval between dose 1 and dose 2.
- **Polio Vaccine.** A minimum of 4 doses of polio vaccine. One dose must be administered on or after the fourth birthday. See supplemental guidance document for additional information.
- **Varicella (Chickenpox) Vaccine.** All children born on and after January 1, 1997, shall be required to have one dose of chickenpox vaccine administered at age 12 months or older. Effective March 3, 2010, a second dose must be administered prior to entering kindergarten but can be administered at any time after the minimum interval between dose 1 and dose 2.

At the time of registration, the speech therapist will screen your child. Pre-K children will also complete a developmental screening during the registration process. Parents are encouraged to pre-register their children in order that the school division will have adequate resources in place at the beginning of the school year. Pre-K slots are limited and are filled based on federal and state guidelines. The Pre-K child must be present during the registration process.

If you have questions about Pre-K, call Mrs. Melinda Skeens, Title I Supervisor, at 276-935-4551 ext. 225. For information on Head Start, call Ms. Brenda Coleman at 276-935-2333. If you have any questions about kindergarten registration, please call Mrs. Sue Cook, Nurse Coordinator at 276-935-4551 ext. 243.