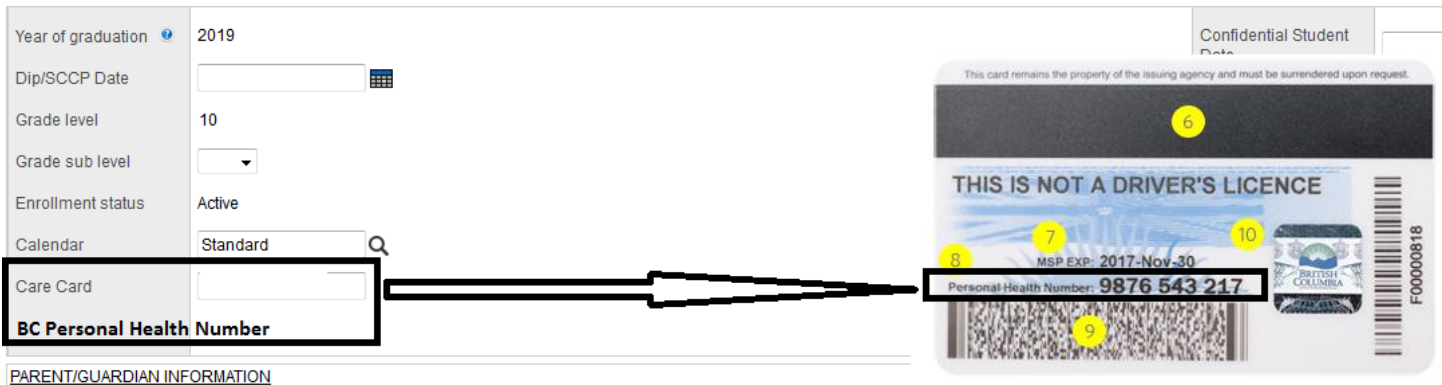


Standard - BC Personal Health Number

A student's BC Personal Health Number (formerly: Care Card) is entered through the **Student Top Tab, Details Side Tab**. The BC Personal Health Number is entered into the field labelled "Care Card" which is above the Parent/Guardian Information block.



1. The BC Personal Health Number in MyEdBC (which in turn is sent to the Health Authority) is to be used **ONLY** for the BC Personal Health Number.
 - a. Schools are not to put any other data in that column, including Alberta or other provinces' equivalent numbers.
 - b. Other provincial care card numbers or random notes is just "bad" data and messes up the Health Authorities' system.
2. The BC Personal Health Number in MyEdBC is used by the Health Authority to uniquely identify students (patients) similar to how the Education sector uses the PEN.
3. Once BC residency is established, the parents need to have applied for and obtained coverage under the BC Medical Services Plan for their family.
 - a. This means you can check back with the parents periodically to obtain the BC Personal Health Number for the student.
 - b. Occasionally extenuating circumstances apply, including 3rd party coverage for international students and split family coverage (12 months maximum) from out-of-province agencies. In this case, we do not collect this information and the BC Personal Health Number field remains blank.
4. A student without a BC Personal Health Number will still receive services under the Health Authority's school programs (immunization, dental and vision screening) when the nurse comes to the school.