

2012-2013 School Immunization Requirements

Vaccine Type	Minimum Number of Doses Required Per Grade		
	Kindergarten	Grades 1-6	Grades 7-12
DTaP/DTP/DT/Tdap/Td*	5 or more	5 or more	5 or more
Hepatitis B	3	3	3
IPV/OPV [†]	4	4	4
MMR	2	2	2
Varicella (Chickenpox)	2 [§]	2 ^{§#}	1 [#]
Meningococcal [¶]	0	1	1
Tdap [⊖]	0	1	1

- * One dose of DTaP must have been given on or after the 4th birthday. Only four doses are necessary if the 4th dose was administered on or after the 4th birthday. Three doses of Tdap/Td required for children ages seven or older who were not previously vaccinated. Tdap should be used as the first dose followed by two doses of Td for children age 7 or older not previously vaccinated.
- [†] In all-IPV or all-OPV schedule: one dose must have been given on or after the 4th birthday. The final dose in the series should be administered on or after the 4th birthday and at least six months following the previous dose. If four doses are administered prior to age four a 5th dose should be administered at age four through six years. Only three doses of IPV are required if the 3rd dose is given on or after the 4th birthday.
- [§] For the 2012-13 school year, two doses of varicella vaccine are required for kindergarten through fourth grade. If a child has a reliable history of chickenpox disease, the child is exempt from the vaccine requirement.
- # For the 2012-13 school year, one dose of chickenpox vaccine is required of children attending fifth grade through eighth grade. If a child has a reliable history of chickenpox disease, the child is exempt from the vaccine requirement.
- [¶] Meningococcal vaccine is required for entrance into middle school (sixth or seventh grade, depending on the school), effective with the 2008-2009 school year and thereafter.
- [⊖] Tdap vaccine is required for entrance into middle school (sixth or seventh grade, depending on the school), effective with the 2008-2009 school year and thereafter.

Exemptions

Students may be exempt from immunization requirements for the following reasons:

- **Medical Exemption:** Requires a certificate signed by a licensed physician stating that the physical condition of the child is such that immunization would endanger the life or health of the child.
- **Philosophical, Moral or Religious Belief Exemption:** Requires a certificate signed by the parent or guardian whose sincerely held philosophical, moral or religious belief is opposed to such immunization.
- **History of Disease Exemption:** Requires a certificate signed by the parent or guardian or physician stating that the child has a reliable history of chickenpox disease.