

Immunization Requirements 2009-2010

In accordance with Texas State Law, students will not be allowed to attend class if his/her immunization records are not presented to the school upon enrollment or if these records are not current. The immunization record must be an official copy signed / stamped by the physician or clinic or generated from a state or local authority such as a registry. Certified documentation of current immunizations shall include the month, day and year the vaccination was received unless administered before September 1, 1991. Vaccine doses administered up to and including 4 days before the minimum interval or age will satisfy the school requirement. Serologic confirmation of immunity to measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B, hepatitis A or Varicella or serologic evidence of infection is acceptable in lieu of vaccine.

PPCD/Speech/ Pre-Kindergarten – Age 3 and 4 years

- Four doses of DTaP/DTP or DT if Pertussis is medically contraindicated
- Three doses of Polio (IPV) or, if any combination of 4 doses of OPV and IPV was received before 4 years of age, no additional dose is required.
- One dose of MMR, on or after the 1st birthday.
- Three doses of HIB (a primary series with one dose on or after the 1st birthday), or one HIB on or after age 15 months
- Three doses of Hepatitis B
- One dose of Varicella, on or after the 1st birthday, or parent/physician statement of chickenpox illness
- One dose of Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine on or after age 24 months unless a series has been completed
- Two doses of Hepatitis A vaccine (6 to 18 months apart), the first dose received on or after 12 months of age.

Kindergarten – 12th GRADE

- DTaP/DTP/DT/Tdap/Td - Five doses for children 4 to 6 years; if the fourth dose was given on or after the 4th birthday, then a 5th dose is not required. Three doses are required for children 7 years and older with at least one dose on or after the 4th birthday.
- **Beginning School Year (SY) 2009-2010, Tdap is required for all students entering 7th grade if at least 5 years have passed since last dose of tetanus containing vaccine (DTaP/DPT/DT). If 5 years have not elapsed since the last dose of a tetanus containing vaccine at entry into the 7th grade, then this dose will become due as soon as the five year interval has passed.** For grades 8-12, a Tdap booster dose is required if this interval is 10 years. Td is acceptable if Tdap is medically contraindicated.
- A Tdap/Td booster is recommended every 10 years thereafter.
- Four doses of Polio (IPV), one since the 4th birthday, or if 3rd dose was given on or after the 4th birthday, only three doses required; 5th dose is required if 4th dose was given before 4th birthday
If any **combination** of 4 doses of IPV and OPV was received before 4 years of age, no additional dose is required. Polio vaccine is not required for students 18 years or older.
- Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) – Two doses of a measles containing vaccine with the first dose on or after the first birthday; second dose is required before entry into K and should be given no earlier than 28 days from the first dose.
Beginning SY 2009-2010, 2 doses of MMR vaccine will be required for Kindergarten entry.
- Three doses of Hepatitis B
- One dose of Varicella vaccine, on or after the 1st birthday, or parent/physician statement of chickenpox illness.
Two doses of Varicella vaccine are required if student was 13 years of age or older when first vaccinated **OR if entering Kindergarten or 7th grade beginning SY 2009-2010.**
- **Hepatitis A - A series of 2 doses (6-18 months apart) is required for students entering Kindergarten beginning SY 2009-2010 and recommended but not required for students in grades 1-12.**
- **Meningococcal vaccine – required for all students entering 7th grade beginning SY 2009-2010.**

More information regarding immunizations can be obtained through the Texas Department of Health website - www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize/school

Exclusions from compliance are permitted on an individual basis for medical contraindications or conscientious objection.

- **Medical exemptions** – The student must present an affidavit or statement signed by a physician, licensed in the United States, in which it is stated that, in the physician’s opinion, the vaccine required is medically contraindicated or poses a significant risk to the health and well being of the child or any member of his/her household or family. Unless it is written in the statement that a lifelong condition exists, the exemption statement is valid for one year from the date signed by the physician and must be renewed annually.
- **Conscientious Exemption** – To claim exclusion for reasons of conscience including religious belief, a signed and notarized original affidavit obtained from the Texas Department of State Health Services must be presented. This affidavit will be valid for a period of two years. The student who has not received the required immunizations for reasons of conscience, including religious beliefs, may be excluded from school in times of emergency or epidemic declared by the commissioner of public health. Refer to “Guidelines for Requesting an Exemption for Reasons of Conscience” as listed on the Texas Department of State Health Services website at <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize/school/default.shtm#exclusions>