



School Immunization Requirements 2009-10 School Year

Immunizations Required

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

* One dose must have been given on or after the 4th birthday. Three doses Td required for children age 7 or older not previously vaccinated. Tdap should be used as the first dose followed by two doses of Td for children age 10 or older not previously vaccinated.

£ Three doses of hepatitis B vaccine will be required for entrance into kindergarten, effective with the 2000-01 school year and thereafter. Each subsequent year, the next higher grade is included; e.g., **for the 2009-10 school year, three doses of hepatitis B vaccine is required of children attending kindergarten through ninth grade.**

† **In all IPV or all OPV schedule:** If the third dose was given on or after the 4th birthday, the fourth dose is not required. If a child has received a total of four doses of **any combination** of OPV and IPV at least four weeks apart, he (she) is considered adequately immunized against polio.

¶ Meningococcal vaccine will be required for entrance into middle school (sixth or seventh grade, depending on the school), effective with the 2008-2009 school year and thereafter. Meningococcal vaccine can only be administered to children age 11 or older.

⊖ Tdap vaccine will be 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 can only be administered to children age 10 or older, who have not received tetanus-containing vaccine in the past 5 years.

§ Two doses of chickenpox (varicella) vaccine given on or after the first birthday at least 3 months apart will be required for entrance into kindergarten, effective with the 2008-2009 school year and thereafter. Each subsequent year, the next higher grade is included; e.g., **for the 2009-2010 school year, two doses of varicella vaccine is required for kindergarten and first grade.** If a child has had history of chickenpox disease, the child is exempt from the vaccine requirement.

For the 2009-10 school year, one dose of chickenpox vaccine is required of children attending second grade through fifth grade. If a child has had history of chickenpox disease, the child is exempt from the vaccine requirement.

Exemptions

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

- **Medical Exemption:** Requires a certificate from 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.