



2009-2010 IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

The minimum immunization requirements for the 2009-2010 school year are listed below. Immunization records showing the following immunizations must be submitted **before the first day of the 2009-2010 school year**.

Immunization Requirements for Pre-K

All students from 36 to 42 months of age must have proof of:

- 4 doses of DTP/DTaP/DT vaccine
- 3 doses of Polio vaccine
- 1 dose of MMR vaccine administered on or after 1 year of age
- 1 dose of Varicella vaccine administered on or after 1 year of age
- 3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine
- 1 dose of Hepatitis A vaccine administered on or after 1 year of age
- 2 doses Pneumococcal vaccine with at least one dose being administered after 1 year of age; only one dose is required if the first dose was on or after the first birthday and child is not deemed to be high risk by the child's physician.
- A complete series of Hib vaccine, OR one dose of any Hib vaccine given at or after 15 months or age. A Hib primary series and a booster is two doses (two months apart) and a booster dose on or after 12 months of age, received at least two months after the last dose.

All students by 43 months of age must have proof of:

- 4 doses of DTP/DTaP/DT vaccine
- 3 doses of Polio vaccine
- 1 dose of MMR vaccine administered on or after one year of age
- 1 dose of Varicella vaccine administered on or after 1 year of age
- 3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine
- 2 doses of Hepatitis A vaccine
- 2 doses of Pneumococcal vaccine with at least one dose being administered after 1 year of age; only 1 dose is required if the first dose was on or after the first birthday and the child is not deemed to be high risk by the child's physician.
- A complete series of Hib vaccine, OR one dose of any Hib vaccine given at or after 15 months of age. A Hib primary series and a booster is two doses (two months apart) and a booster dose on or after 12 months of age received at least two months after the last dose.

All students 4 years of age must have proof of:

- 4 doses of DTP/DTaP/DT & the last dose must have been administered on or after the 4th birthday
- 3 doses of Polio vaccine & the last dose must have been administered on or after the 4th birthday
- 1 dose of MMR vaccine administered on or after 1 year of age
- 1 dose of Varicella vaccine administered on or after 1 year of age
- 3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine
- 2 doses of Hepatitis A vaccine
- 2 doses of Pneumococcal vaccine with at least one dose being administered on or after 1 year of age; only 1 dose is required if the first dose was on or after the first birthday and the child is not deemed to be high risk by the child's physician
- A complete series of Hib vaccine, OR one dose of any Hib vaccine given at or after 15 months of age. A Hib primary series and a booster is two doses (two months apart) and a booster dose on or after 12 months of age, received at least two months after the last dose.

All students 5 years of age must have proof of:

- 5 doses of DTP/DTaP/ DT
- 4 doses of Polio vaccine
- 2 doses of MMR vaccine, the first dose must have been administered on or after 1 year of age
- 1 dose of Varicella vaccine administered on or after 1 year of age
- 3 doses Hepatitis B vaccine
- 2 doses Hepatitis A vaccine

Immunization Requirements for Kindergarten through 12th grades

All students in kindergarten through 12th grades must have proof of:

- 5 doses of DTP/DTaP/ DT unless the 4th dose was given on or after the 4th birthday; for students 7 years of age or older, only 3 doses are required.
- 1 dose of Td (tetanus booster) is required every 10 years after the last dose of DTP/DTaP/ DT; Tdap is recommended as a replacement for the 1st Td booster. As of August 1, 2009, all students entering 7th grade will be required to have a booster dose of Tdap vaccine if it has been five years since their last dose of tetanus containing vaccine. Students in grades 8 through 12 are required to have a booster dose of Tdap if it has been ten years since their previous dose of tetanus vaccine.
- 4 doses of Polio vaccine unless the 3rd dose was given on or after the 4th birthday.
- 2 doses MMR vaccine, the first dose must have been given on or after the first birthday
- 3 doses of Hepatitis B vaccine
- 1 dose of Varicella vaccine on or after the first birthday. Two doses are required if the first dose was given at 13 years of age or older. As of August 1, 2009, all students entering K or 7th grade will be required to have 2 doses of varicella vaccine if they have not had actual chickenpox disease.
- As of August 1, 2009, all students entering K, statewide, will be required to have 2 doses of Hepatitis A vaccine.
- As of August 1, 2009, all students entering 7th grade will be required to have one dose of meningococcal vaccine.

Immunization Exemptions

Medical Exemptions

The law allows physicians to write a statement if he believes a vaccine would be harmful to the health of a child. These statements must be dated and signed by the medical doctor and renewed annually unless the physician writes in the statement that it is a life long condition. For children needing medical exemptions, the physician's statement must be submitted to the school by the parent prior to the first day of school.

Exemption for Reasons of Conscience

Exemptions for reasons of conscience, including religious beliefs are allowable. To claim this exemption from immunization for reasons of conscience, the parent or legal guardian must submit a written request to obtain the Affidavit of Exemption from Immunizations for Reasons of Conscience to the Department of State Health Services Immunization Branch, 1100 West 49th Street, Austin, Texas 78756. Fax: 512-458-7544. Affidavit request forms are usually processed by the DSHS and mailed within 2 weeks from receipt of the request. Once this form is received by the parent or legal guardian, they must sign and have the form notarized and submit the **original** form to the school. Copies are void and will not be accepted. Since proof of immunization status is required before the first day of school, to claim this exemption, this form must be submitted prior to the first day of school. A new original copy of this form is required to be resubmitted every 2 years.

In the event of a disease outbreak, the Texas Department of State Health Services, may mandate that students having exemptions from immunizations be kept out of school until the outbreak is over as determined by the Texas Department of State Health Services.

Comprehensive information about immunization requirements in the state of Texas can be found at www.immunizetexas.com