

FORT WORTH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Health Services Department

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Minimum State Vaccine Requirements for Texas School Entrance/Attendance
2009 – 2010

Grade PK (Pre-Kindergarten)

Vaccine	Required Doses
Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP)	4 doses
Polio (IPV)	3 doses
Measles Mumps, Rubella (MMR)	1 dose on or after 12 months of age (1st birthday)
Haemophilus Influenzae type b conjugate vaccine (Hib)	1-4 doses 1 dose if given on or after 15 months OR 3-4 doses (Completed series with the last dose given on or after 12 months of age)
Varicella	1 dose on or after 12 months of age (1st birthday) if no history of chickenpox
Hepatitis A	2 doses with the 1 st dose received on or after the 1 st birthday
Hepatitis B	3 doses
Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV7)	1-4 doses 1 dose if given on or after 2nd birthday OR 2 doses if both given on or after 12 months of age and 8 weeks apart OR 3-4 doses if last dose was given on or after 12 months of age (1st birthday)

Kindergarten

Vaccine	Required Doses
Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis (DTap/DTP/DT/Td/Tdap)	5 or 4 doses, one of which must have been received on or after the 4 th birthday
Polio	4 or 3 doses, one of which must have been received on or after the 4 th birthday
Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR)	2 doses with first dose on or after 1 st birthday*
Hepatitis B	3 doses
Varicella	2 doses with the first dose received on or after the 1 st birthday or documented history of disease from physician, school nurse, or the child's parent or guardian in lieu of either dose*
Hepatitis A	2 doses with the 1 st dose received on or after the 1 st birthday*

*Indicates new requirement beginning the 2009-2010 school year

Grades 1st – 6th

Vaccine	Required Doses
Diphtheria, Tetanus Toxoid, and Pertussis Vaccine (DTaP/DTP/DT/ Td /Tdap)	5 or 4 doses, one of which must have been given on or after 4th birthday Students 7 years or older: 3 doses of a tetanus/diphtheria-containing vaccine, provided at least 1 dose was administered on or after the 4 th birthday
Polio	4 or 3 doses; one of which must have been given on or after the 4th birthday
Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)	2 doses of a measles-containing vaccine with the first dose on or after the 1 st birthday; 1 dose each of rubella and mumps vaccine
Hepatitis B	3 doses
Varicella	1 dose on or after the 1st birthday or documented history of disease by physician, school nurse, or the child's parent or guardian (2 doses if vaccine given at 13 years of age or older)

Grade 7

Vaccine	Required Doses
Diphtheria, Tetanus Toxoid, and Pertussis Vaccine (DTaP/DTP/DT//Td/Tdap)	3 doses, including one dose on or after the 4 th birthday 1 Tdap/Td booster if it has been 5 years since their last dose of a tetanus-containing vaccine. Td is acceptable in lieu of Tdap if a contraindication to pertussis exists.*
Polio	4 or 3 doses; one of which must have been given on or after the 4th birthday
Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)	2 doses of a measles-containing vaccine with the first dose on or after the 1 st birthday; 1 dose each of rubella and mumps vaccine
Hepatitis B	3 doses
Varicella	2 doses with the first dose received on or after the 1 st birthday or documented history of disease from physician, school nurse, or the child's parent or guardian in lieu of either dose*
Meningococcal	1 dose*

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Grades 8th – 12th

Vaccine	Required Doses
Diphtheria, Tetanus Toxoid, and Pertussis Vaccine (DTaP/DTP/DT//Td/Tdap)	3 doses, including one dose on or after the 4 th birthday 1 Tdap/Td booster within last 10 years. Students will be required to have booster dose of Tdap if it has been 10 years since their last dose of tetanus-containing vaccine. Td is acceptable in lieu of Tdap if a contraindication to pertussis exists.*
Polio	4 or 3 doses; one of which must have been given on or after the 4th birthday
Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)	2 doses of a measles-containing vaccine with the first dose on or after the 1 st birthday; 1 dose each of rubella and mumps vaccine
Hepatitis B	3 doses
Varicella	1 dose on or after the 1st birthday (2 doses if vaccine given at 13 years of age or older)

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Exemptions /Exclusions from Immunization Requirements

The law allows (a) physicians to write a statement that the vaccine(s) required is medically contraindicated or poses a significant risk to the health and well-being of the child or any member of the child's household, and (b) parents/guardians to choose an exemption from immunization requirements for reasons of conscience, including a religious belief.

Instructions for the affidavit to be signed by parents/guardians choosing the exemption for **reasons of conscience, including a religious belief** can be found at www.ImmunizeTexas.com or call Texas Department of State Health Services, Immunization Branch at 1-800-252-9152.

For children needing **medical exemptions**, a written statement by the physician should be submitted to the school.

Medication at School (Prescription/Over the Counter)

The only medication that may be given at school is that which is necessary to enable the student to remain in school. If possible, all medication should be given outside of school hours.

If medication is required during the school day the following must be in place:

Current written order from the student's physician/licensed prescriber stating the child's name, name of medication to be given, dosage and time of day the medication is to be given at school (frequency of administration). Written consent of the parents/guardian is also required. Herbal dietary supplements and other nutritional aids not approved as medication by the FDA may not be administered at school.

All medication must be in a properly labeled original container whether prescription or over the counter.

Special Health Conditions/Needs

If your child has a health care condition or special health care need, please contact your school nurse. Special health care procedures (insulin administration, catheterization, tube feedings, and tracheostomy care, etc.) require a form be completed by the physician and parent. The school nurse can provide this form, further assess your child's school health needs, and assist you as needed.

If you have any questions, please call Health Services Department at 817-871-2190.

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