



Gulf Shores City Schools

Immunization Requirements for School Entry for all students (Traditional and Virtual)

All students are required to have an updated Certificate of Immunization, prior to entering kindergarten or first grade or prior to re-entering the higher grade as mandated by the State of Alabama (Code of Alabama 1975, §16-30-4).

The Certificate of Immunization must be on the form approved by the Alabama Department of Public Health.

Children entering school are required by Alabama Law to present a Certificate of Immunization, formerly known as a "Blue Card." If a child has received all required vaccines and only needs a Certificate of Immunization, these can be printed by the school nurse at your child's school.

Students enrolling from out of state will be granted a 10-day grace period to complete the immunization process. ESL, immigrants, migrant and homeless students will continue to follow the requirements under the federal law. The student should be enrolled with or without an initial proof of immunization. These students are allowed a 10-day grace period. Students can remain enrolled in school to obtain immunizations records or begin the immunization process.

Children entering Kindergarten need boosters of DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis), Polio, MMR (Measles, Mumps, and Rubella) and Varicella. These vaccines complete the childhood series for Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Polio, Measles, Mumps and Rubella.

Children age 11 and entering the 6th grade are required to have a Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria, and Pertussis) vaccination.

If you are unsure whether your child needs shots, check with your pediatric provider or the Baldwin County Health Department Immunization Clinic, 251-947-1910.

Religious Exemption

A written objection from the parent or guardian of a student or child based on religious tenets and practices shall be submitted in person by the parent or guardian to the County Health Department for issuance of a Certificate of Religious Exemption from the required immunizations or testing.

Medical Exemption

A licensed physician can provide individual exemptions from the required immunizations or testing on a Certificate of Medical Exemption. The Certificate of Medical Exemptions is required to be on forms approved by the Alabama Department of Public Health and will be accepted in lieu of the Certificate on Immunization.