

PARENTS' GUIDE TO IMMUNIZATIONS REQUIRED FOR SCHOOL ENTRY

Starting July 1, 2019

Students Admitted at TK/K-12 Need:

- **Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis (DTaP, DTP, Tdap, or Td) – 5 doses**
(4 doses OK if one was given on or after 4th birthday)
(3 doses OK if one was given on or after 7th birthday)
For 7th-12th graders, at least 1 dose of pertussis-containing vaccine is required on or after 7th birthday.
- **Polio (OPV or IPV) – 4 doses**
(3 doses OK if one was given on or after 4th birthday)
- **Hepatitis B – 3 doses**
(Not required for 7th grade entry)
- **Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) – 2 doses**
(Both given on or after 1st birthday)
- **Varicella (Chickenpox) – 2 doses**

These immunization requirements apply to new admissions and transfers for all grades, including transitional kindergarten (TK).

Students Starting 7th Grade Need:

- **Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (Tdap) – 1 dose**
(Whooping cough booster usually given at 11 years and up)
- **Varicella (Chickenpox) – 2 doses**
(Usually given at ages 12 months and 4-6 years)

In addition, the TK/K-12 immunization requirements apply to 7th graders who:

- previously had a valid personal belief exemption filed before 2016 upon entry between TK/K and 6th grade.
- are new admissions.

Records:

California schools are required to check immunization records for all new student admissions at TK/K-12th grade and all students advancing to 7th grade before entry. Parents must show their child's Immunization Record as proof of immunization.