



IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL ENTRY

All students entering Gulf Shores City Schools are required to have an up-to-date Alabama Certificate of Immunization as mandated by the State of Alabama (Code of Alabama, 1975, §16-30-4). Students enrolling from out of state will be granted a 10-day grace period for the out of state immunization record to be transferred to an Alabama Certificate of Immunization.

- Children entering Kindergarten require boosters of DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis), Polio, MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella) and Varicella.
- Children age 11 and entering the 6th grade require a Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis) vaccination.

If you are unsure whether your child needs school required immunizations, contact your child's health care provider or the Baldwin County Health Department.

Religious Exemption

A written objection from the parent or guardian of a student or child based on religious beliefs 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.

Medical Exemption

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

Reference:

Code of Alabama, 1975, §16-30-4.

<http://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/immunization/assets/SchoolImmLaw.pdf>