

Hoosac Valley Regional School District

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PHYSICALS/IMMUNIZATIONS REQUIREMENTS

Dear Parents/Guardians

Massachusetts State Law 105 CMR 200.100 requires every student in the public schools be separately and carefully examined by a duly licensed physician, nurse practitioner or physician assistant, as follows:

(1) within one year prior to entrance to school or within 30 days after school entry and at intervals of either three or four years thereafter. A student transferred from another school system shall be examined as an entering student. Health records transferred from the student's previous school may be used to determine compliance with this requirement; (2) students under 16 and over 14 years of age requesting employment certificates; (3) prior to a student's participation in competitive athletics, on an annual basis.

School Immunization Law, [Chapter 76, Section 15](#) of the General Laws of the State of Massachusetts requires that all immunizations must be up to date for children to attend school.

Preschool Entry Requirements

- Hib: 1-4 doses; the number of doses is determined by vaccine product and age the series began
- DTaP: 4 doses
- Polio: 3 doses
- Hepatitis B: 3 doses; laboratory evidence of immunity acceptable
- MMR: 1 dose; must be given on or after the 1st birthday; laboratory evidence of immunity acceptable
- Varicella: 1 dose; must be given on or after the 1st birthday; a physician documented case of chickenpox or laboratory evidence of immunity acceptable

K-Grade 6 Requirements

- DTaP: 5 doses; 4 doses acceptable if the 4th dose is given on or after the 4th birthday. DT is only acceptable with a letter stating medical contraindication to DTaP
- Polio: 4 doses; 4th dose must be given on or after the 4th birthday and ≥ 6 months after the previous dose, or a 5th dose is required. 3 doses are acceptable if the 3rd dose is given on or after the 4th birthday and ≥ 6 months after the previous dose.
- Hepatitis B: 3 doses; laboratory evidence of immunity acceptable
- MMR: 2 doses; first dose must be given on or after the 1st birthday and the 2nd dose must be given ≥ 28 days after previous dose; laboratory evidence of immunity accepted.
- Varicella: 2 doses; first dose must be given on or after the 1st birthday and the 2nd dose must be given ≥ 28 days after previous dose; a physician documented case of chickenpox or laboratory evidence of immunity acceptable

Grade 7-12 Requirements

- Tdap: 1 dose and a history of DTaP primary series or age-appropriate catch-up vaccination.
- Polio: 4 doses; 4th dose must be given on or after the 4th birthday and ≥ 6 months after the previous dose, or a 5th dose is required. 3 doses are acceptable if the 3rd dose is given on or after the 4th birthday and ≥ 6 months after the previous dose.
- Hepatitis B: 3 doses; laboratory evidence of immunity acceptable
- MMR: 2 doses; first dose must be given on or after the 1st birthday and the 2nd dose must be given ≥ 28 days after previous dose; laboratory evidence of immunity accepted.
- Varicella: 2 doses; first dose must be given on or after the 1st birthday and the 2nd dose must be given ≥ 28 days after previous dose; a physician documented case of chickenpox or laboratory evidence of immunity acceptable

School Nurse Confidentiality Policy

A separate fax machine is available in the School Nurse's Office to protect confidential health information. All student health records are kept separate from academic records to protect confidentiality of health information.

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