

## IMMUNIZATION POLICY

### I. Immunization Requirements

- A. Per [Title 25 Health Services, §§97.61-97.72 of the Texas Administrative Code \(TAC\)](#), each student enrolled at Shelton School shall be immunized against vaccine preventable diseases caused by infectious agents in accordance with the most current immunization schedule adopted by the Texas Department of State Health Services.
- B. All students shall have a completed and current immunization record on file for enrollment to be valid. Prior to the first day of attendance, new students must present a copy of his/her immunization record.

Per [Texas Administrative Code, Title 25 Health Services, §97.68](#), acceptable evidence of vaccination must include:

- 1) The month, day, and year each vaccine was administered.
  - 2) The signature or stamp of the physician or physician's designee, or public health personnel. Immunization records generated from electronic health record systems must include clinic contact information and the provider's signature/stamp.
  - 3) An official immunization record generated from a state or local health authority is acceptable.
  - 4) An official record received from school officials, including a record from another state, is acceptable.
- C. Any student who fails to present the required evidence shall not be allowed to start/return to school until the required up to date immunization record has been received.
  - D. Exclusions
    - a. Shelton no longer accepts Affidavits for Immunization Exemption for Reasons of Conscience.
    - b. To claim exclusion for medical reasons, a written statement signed by a board-certified allergy/immunology or hematology/oncology physician licensed by any state in the United States (M.D. or D.O.) who has examined the student and determined one or more of the following:
      - i. A vaccination to be medically contraindicated and injurious to the health and well-being of the child; or
      - ii. An allergy to the vaccination(s) identified in the statement and may suffer severe allergic reaction(s) as described in the statement; or
      - iii. An immunodeficiency described in the statement and may suffer serious health risk(s) as described in the statement if the student receives the vaccination(s) specifically identified in the statement; and
      - iv. The child does not pose a health risk to the school or community if enrolled without receiving an immunization.

### II. Provisional Enrollment

A student may be enrolled provisionally if the student has an immunization record that indicates the student has received at least one dose of each specified age/grade-appropriate vaccine required. A student must not be overdue for the next dose in series to be considered provisional. To remain

enrolled, the student must complete the required subsequent doses in each vaccine series on schedule and as rapidly as is medically feasible and provide acceptable evidence of vaccination to the school. (Refer to the [Provisional Enrollment Dosing Schedule](#) on the Texas Department of State Health Services website). A school nurse or school administrator shall review the immunization status of a provisionally enrolled student every 30 days to ensure continued compliance in completing the required doses of vaccination. If, at the end of the 30-day period, a student has not received a subsequent dose of vaccine, the student is not in compliance, and the school shall exclude the student from school attendance until the required dose is administered and proof of immunization has been provided to the school ([Texas Administrative Code, Title 25 Health Services, §97.66](#)).

## 2023 - 2024 Texas Minimum State Vaccine Requirements for Students Grades K - 12

This chart summarizes the vaccine requirements incorporated in the Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Title 25 Health Services, §§97.61-97.72. This document is not intended as a substitute for the TAC, which has other provisions and details. The Department of State Health Services (DSHS) is granted authority to set immunization requirements by the Texas Education Code, Chapter 38.

### IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

A student shall show acceptable evidence of vaccination prior to entry, attendance, or transfer to a public or private elementary or secondary school in Texas.

Vaccine Required (Attention to notes and footnotes)	Minimum Number of Doses Required by Grade Level												Notes		
	Grades K - 6th						Grade 7th	Grades 8th - 12th							
	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		12	
Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis (DTaP/DTP/DT/Td/Tdap)	5 doses or 4 doses						3 dose primary series and 1 booster dose of Tdap / Td <i>within the last 5 years</i>	3 dose primary series and 1 booster dose of Tdap / Td <i>within the last 10 years</i>							<p><b>For K – 6<sup>th</sup> grade:</b> 5 doses of diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis vaccine; 1 dose must have been received on or after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday. However, 4 doses meet the requirement if the 4<sup>th</sup> dose was received on or after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday.<sup>1</sup> For students aged 7 years and older, 3 doses meet the requirement if 1 dose was received on or after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday.<sup>1</sup></p> <p><b>For 7<sup>th</sup> grade:</b> 1 dose of Tdap is required if at least 5 years have passed since the last dose of tetanus-containing vaccine.*</p> <p><b>For 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade:</b> 1 dose of Tdap is required when 10 years have passed since the last dose of tetanus-containing vaccine.*</p> <p>*Td is acceptable in place of Tdap if a medical contraindication to pertussis exists.</p>
Polio	4 doses or 3 doses												<p><b>For K – 12<sup>th</sup> grade:</b> 4 doses of polio; 1 dose must be received on or after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday.<sup>1</sup> However, 3 doses meet the requirement if the 3<sup>rd</sup> dose was received on or after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday.<sup>1</sup></p>		
Measles, Mumps, and Rubella <sup>2</sup> (MMR)	2 doses												<p><b>For K – 12<sup>th</sup> grade:</b> 2 doses are required, with the 1<sup>st</sup> dose received on or after the 1<sup>st</sup> birthday.<sup>1</sup> Students vaccinated prior to 2009 with 2 doses of measles and 1 dose each of rubella and mumps satisfy this requirement.</p>		
Hepatitis B <sup>2</sup>	3 doses												<p>For students aged 11 – 15 years, 2 doses meet the requirement if adult hepatitis B vaccine (Recombivax<sup>®</sup>) was received. Dosage (10 mcg /1.0 mL) and type of vaccine (Recombivax<sup>®</sup>) must be clearly documented. If Recombivax<sup>®</sup> was not the vaccine received, a 3-dose series is required.</p>		
Varicella <sup>2,3</sup>	2 doses												<p><b>For K – 12<sup>th</sup> grade:</b> 2 doses are required, with the 1<sup>st</sup> dose received on or after the 1<sup>st</sup> birthday.<sup>1</sup></p>		
Meningococcal (MCV4)													1 dose	<p><b>For 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade,</b> 1 dose of quadrivalent meningococcal conjugate vaccine is required on or after the student’s 11<sup>th</sup> birthday.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> If a student received the vaccine at 10 years of age, this will satisfy the requirement.</p>	
Hepatitis A <sup>2</sup>	2 doses												<p><b>For K – 12<sup>th</sup> grade:</b> 2 doses are required, with the 1<sup>st</sup> dose received on or after the 1<sup>st</sup> birthday.<sup>1</sup></p>		

**NOTE:** Shaded area indicates that the vaccine is not required for the respective grade.

↓ Notes on the back page, please turn over.↓