

# FORT WORTH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Health Services Department

### Minimum State Vaccine Requirements for Texas School Entrance/Attendance

*Immunization Information for Parents English 2024-2025*

#### Grade PK (Pre-Kindergarten)

Vaccine	Required Doses
Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis (DTaP/DTP/DT)	4 doses
Polio	3 doses
Measles Mumps, Rubella (MMR)	1 dose. The first dose of MMR must be received <b>on or after</b> the 1 <sup>st</sup> birthday.
Haemophilus Influenzae type b conjugate (Hib)	<p><b>1-4 doses</b></p> <p>A complete Hib series is two doses plus a booster dose on or after 12 months of age (three doses total).</p> <p>If a child receives the first dose of Hib vaccine at 12-14 months of age, only one additional dose is required (two doses total).</p> <p>Any child who has received a single dose of Hib vaccine on or after 15-50 months of age is in compliance with these specified vaccine requirements. Children 60 months of age and older are not required to receive Hib vaccine.</p>
Varicella <sup>1,2,3</sup>	1 dose. <u>The first dose of varicella must be received <b>on or after</b> the first birthday.</u>
Hepatitis A <sup>1,2</sup>	2 doses. <u>The first dose of hepatitis A must be received <b>on or after</b> the first birthday.</u>
Hepatitis B <sup>2</sup>	3 doses
Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV)	<p><b>1-4 doses</b></p> <p>If the PCV series is started when a child is seven months of age or older or the child is delinquent in the series, then all four doses may not be required. Please reference the information below to assist with compliance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For children seven through 11 months of age, two doses are required.</li> <li>• For children 12-23 months of age; if three doses have been received prior to 12 months of age, then an additional dose is required (total of four doses) on or after 12 months of age. If one or two doses were received prior to 12 months of age, then a total of three doses are required with at least one dose on or after 12 months of age. If zero doses have been received, then two doses are required with both doses on or after 12 months of age.</li> <li>• Children 24 months through 59 months meet the requirement if they have at least three doses with one dose on or after 12 months of age, or two doses with both doses on or after 12 months of age, or one dose on or after 24 months of age. Otherwise, one additional dose is required. Children 60 months of age and older are not required to receive PCV vaccine.</li> </ul>

#### Kindergarten – 6th Grade

Vaccine	Required Doses
Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis (DTaP/DTP/DT/Td/Tdap) <sup>1</sup>	<p><b>For K-6<sup>th</sup> grade</b></p> <p><b>5 doses or 4 doses</b></p> <p>5 doses of diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis vaccine; 1 dose must have been received <b>on or after</b> the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday.</p> <p>However, 4 doses meet the requirement if the 4<sup>th</sup> dose was received <b>on or after</b> the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday.<sup>1</sup></p> <p>For students aged 7 years and older, 3 doses meet the requirement if 1 dose was received <b>on or after</b> the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday.<sup>1</sup></p>

<b>Polio<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>For K-12<sup>th</sup> grade:</b> <b>4 doses of polio</b> 1 dose must be received <b>on or after</b> the 4 <sup>th</sup> birthday. <sup>1</sup> However, 3 doses meet the requirement if the 3 <sup>rd</sup> dose was received <b>on or after</b> the 4 <sup>th</sup> birthday. <sup>1</sup>
<b>Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR)<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>For K-12<sup>th</sup> grade</b> <b>2 doses are required</b> , with the 1 <sup>st</sup> dose received <b>on or after</b> the 1 <sup>st</sup> birthday. <sup>1</sup> Students vaccinated prior to 2009 with 2 doses of measles and one dose each of rubella and mumps satisfy this requirement.
<b>Hepatitis B<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>3 doses.</b> For students aged 11-15 years, 2 doses meet the requirement if adult hepatitis B vaccine (Recombivax®) was received. Dosage (10 mcg/1.0 mL) and type of vaccine (Recombivax®) must be clearly documented. If Recombivax® was not the vaccine received, a 3-dose series is required.
<b>Varicella<sup>2,3</sup></b>	<b>2 doses.</b> <b>For K-12<sup>th</sup> grade:</b> 2 doses are required, with the 1 <sup>st</sup> dose received <b>on or after</b> the 1 <sup>st</sup> birthday. <sup>1</sup>
<b>Hepatitis A<sup>1,2</sup></b>	<b>2 doses.</b> <b>For K-12<sup>th</sup> grade:</b> 2 doses are required, with the 1 <sup>st</sup> dose received <b>on or after</b> the 1 <sup>st</sup> birthday. <sup>1</sup>

### Grade 7<sup>th</sup>

<u>Vaccine</u>	<u>Required Doses</u>
<b>Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis (DTaP/DTP/DT/Td/Tdap)<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>For 7<sup>th</sup> grade:</b> 1 dose of Tdap is required if at least <b>5 years</b> have passed since the last dose of tetanus-containing vaccine. <b>3 dose primary series and 1 Tdap/Td booster within the last 5 years.</b>
<b>Polio<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>For K-12<sup>th</sup> grade: 4 doses of polio</b> 1 dose must be received <b>on or after</b> the 4 <sup>th</sup> birthday. <sup>1</sup> However, 3 doses meet the requirement if the 3 <sup>rd</sup> dose was received <b>on or after</b> the 4 <sup>th</sup> birthday. <sup>1</sup>
<b>Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR)<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>For K-12<sup>th</sup> grade:</b> <b>2 doses are required</b> with the 1 <sup>st</sup> dose received <b>on or after</b> the 1 <sup>st</sup> birthday. <sup>1</sup> Students vaccinated prior to 2009 with 2 doses of measles and one dose each of rubella and mumps satisfy this requirement.
<b>Hepatitis B<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>3 doses.</b> For students aged 11-15 years, 2 doses meet the requirement if adult hepatitis B vaccine (Recombivax®) was received. Dosage (10 mcg/1.0 mL) and type of vaccine (Recombivax®) must be clearly documented. If Recombivax® was not the vaccine received, a 3-dose series is required.
<b>Varicella<sup>2,3</sup></b>	<b>2 doses.</b> <b>For K-12<sup>th</sup> grade:</b> 2 doses are required, with the 1 <sup>st</sup> dose received <b>on or after</b> the 1 <sup>st</sup> birthday. <sup>1</sup>
<b>Meningococcal (MCV4)<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>1 dose.</b> <b>For 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade, 1 dose</b> of quadrivalent meningococcal conjugate vaccine is required <b>on or after</b> the student's 11 <sup>th</sup> birthday. Note: If a student received the vaccine at 10 years of age, this will satisfy the requirement.
<b>Hepatitis A<sup>1,2</sup></b>	<b>2 doses.</b> <b>For K-12<sup>th</sup> grade:</b> 2 doses are required, with the 1 <sup>st</sup> dose received <b>on or after</b> the 1 <sup>st</sup> birthday. <sup>1</sup>

## Grade 8th-12th

### Required Doses

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

<sup>1</sup>Receipt of the dose up to (and including) 4 days before the birthday will satisfy the school entry immunization requirement.

<sup>2</sup>Serologic evidence of infection or serologic confirmation of immunity to measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B, hepatitis A, or varicella is acceptable in place of vaccine.

<sup>3</sup>Previous illness may be documented with a written statement from a physician, school nurse, or the child's parent or guardian containing wording such as: "This is to verify that (name of student) had varicella disease (chickenpox) on or about (date) and dose not need varicella vaccine." This written statement will be acceptable in place of any and all varicella vaccine doses required. Information on exclusions from immunization requirements, provisional enrollment, and acceptable documentation of immunizations may be found in §97.62, §97.66, and §97.68 of the Texas Administrative Code, respectively and online at <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/immunize/school/default.shtm>

### Exemptions

Texas law allows (a) physicians to write medical exemption statements that the vaccine(s) required would be medically harmful or injurious to the health and well-being of the child or household member, and (b) parents/guardians to choose an exemption from immunization requirements for reasons of conscience, including a religious belief. The law does not allow parents/guardians to elect an exemption simply because of inconvenience (for example, a record is lost or incomplete and is too much trouble to go to a physician or clinic to correct the problem). Schools should maintain an up-to-date list of students with exemptions, so they may be excluded in times of emergency or epidemic declared by the commissioner of public health.

**Instructions for requesting the official exemption affidavit that must be signed by parents/guardians choosing the exemption for reasons of conscience, including a religious belief, can be found at [www.ImmunizeTexas.com](http://www.ImmunizeTexas.com) under "School & Child-Care." The original Exemption Affidavit must be completed and submitted to the school.**

### **Provisional Enrollment**

All immunizations must be completed by the first date of attendance. The law requires that students be fully vaccinated against the specified diseases. 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-appropriate vaccine required by this rule. Student must not be overdue for the next dose in a 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.

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.

Additional guidelines for provisional enrollment of students transferring from one Texas public or private school to another, students who are dependents of active duty military, students in foster care, and students who are homeless can be found in the TAC, Title 25 Health Services, Sections 97.66 and 97.69.

### **Documentation**

Since many types of personal immunization records are in use, any document will be acceptable provided a physician or public health personnel has validated it. Validation includes a signature, initials, or stamp. An immunization record generated from an electronic health record must include clinic contact information and the provider's signature/stamp, along with the vaccine name and vaccination date (month, day, and year). An official record generated from a health authority is acceptable. An official record received from school officials, including a record from another state is acceptable. The month, day, and year that the vaccination was received must be recorded on all school immunization records created or updated after September 1, 1991.

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### **Medication at School (Prescription/Over the Counter)**

The only medication that may be given at school is that which is necessary to enable the student to remain in school. If possible, all medication should be given outside of school hours. If medication is required during the school day, the following must be in place:

Current written order from the student's physician/licensed prescriber stating the child's name, name of medication to be given, dosage and time of day the medication is to be given at school (frequency of administration). Written consent of the parents/guardian is also required. Herbal dietary supplements and other nutritional aids not approved as medication by the FDA may not be administered at school. All medication must be in a properly labeled original container whether prescription or over the counter.

### **Special Health Conditions/Needs**

If your child has a health care condition or special health care need, please contact your school nurse. Special health care procedures (insulin administration, catheterization, tube feedings, and tracheostomy care, etc.), require a form be completed by the physician/licensed prescriber and parent. The school nurse can provide this form, further assess your child's school health needs, and assist you as needed.

If you have any questions, please call the Health Services Department at 817-814-2990.