

Immunization requirements for students in grades K-12

Washington State law requires that all children attending grades K-12 must show proof of:

- **Hepatitis B (3 doses)**
- **Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis (DTaP-5 doses and Tdap-1 dose vaccination for all children 10 years and older)**
- **Polio (4 doses)**
- **MMR (2 doses)**
- **Varicella (*chickenpox*) (2 doses)** vaccination or history of disease verified by a healthcare provider. **For students in grades K-8, parent-verified is no longer accepted per state statute.**

Documentation

Each child attending school in Washington State is required by law to be fully immunized and provide a copy of his or her immunizations on a Certificate of Immunization Status (CIS). It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to provide the school with up-to-date immunization records. Your student's school must receive the following accepted forms of documentation before the first day of school:

Vaccine	Types of Documentation Allowed
Tdap Grade 7	• Attached form completed with date (day, month and year) one dose of vaccine received, OR • Copy of your child's shot record with the date one dose of vaccine received, OR • Personal/Philosophical, religious, or medical exemption
Varicella Grades K-12	• Copy of your child's shot record with the dates when two doses of vaccine received, OR • The CIS filled out by hand by a provider to verify disease or the CIS printed from the WA Immunization Information System with disease verification, OR • A letter from a provider stating your child had disease OR • Personal/Philosophical, religious, or medical exemption

A health check-up that includes vaccinations is recommended for all children between 11 and 12 years of age. Schedule your child's check-up appointment at least one month before school starts to make sure he or she gets all of the vaccinations needed for school.

Vaccine and Disease Information

[Tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis \(Tdap\)](#)

The Tdap vaccine protects teens against tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (whooping cough). The vaccine is recommended for all children 10 years and older. Tdap should replace one tetanus booster. Pertussis is a very serious disease that causes coughing spells that make it hard to eat, drink, and even breathe. Infants and young babies are at high risk for serious illness. Getting vaccinated at 10 years old not only protects the pre-teen, but helps stop the spread of disease to younger siblings and babies. Whooping cough can also cause pneumonia, seizures, brain damage, and death.

[Varicella \(Chickenpox\)](#)

Children must have two doses of varicella vaccine to protect against chickenpox. Chickenpox spreads easily and can cause serious skin infections, pneumonia, meningitis (swelling of the covering of the brain and spinal cord), and even death. Even mild cases of chickenpox are uncomfortable; it is difficult to treat itchiness and it can leave scars. **For students in grades K-8, parent-verified is no longer accepted per state statute.**

The following are acceptable as provider verification of the disease:

- CIS printed from the WA IIS or MyIRmobile.com indicating history of varicella (chickenpox) disease
- Hardcopy CIS with history of varicella (chickenpox) disease checked and signed by a healthcare provider, **OR**
- A letter from a health care provider that verifies history of varicella (chickenpox) disease

Sincerely,

Ernette Visitacion

Ernette Visitacion

District Nurse Supervisor

**Tdap immunization requirement for incoming 7th-grade students
(10 years and older)**



Please enter the information below and return this letter to your child's school before the first day of school.

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Immunization	Date Given		
	Month	Day	Year
Tdap			

I certify that the above information is correct and certifiable.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

RETURN SIGNED STATEMENT TO STUDENT'S SCHOOL BEFORE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL