



June, 2024

Dear Parents & Guardians:

We are writing as a reminder of the immunization and health requirements for all school-aged students attending public, private, and parochial schools. As you may or may not know, children attending K through 12th grade in New York State must receive all required doses of vaccines and have an updated medical examination on the recommended schedule outlined below in order to attend or remain in school. This is true unless they have a valid medical exemption to immunization. A medical exemption is allowed when a child has a medical condition that prevents them from receiving a vaccine. There are no nonmedical exemptions to school vaccine requirements in NYS. For more information about Medical Exemptions visit the [Child Care NYSDOH Programs, Schools and Post-Secondary Institutions website](#).

Parents and guardians of all children attending our schools in the Fall and whose children do not have their required immunizations are required to do so. The deadline for obtaining first dose vaccinations for children attending school each Fall is 14 days from the first day of school. Within 30 days of the first day of school, parents and guardians of such children must show that they have made appointments for all required follow-up doses. Students who are not fully immunized according to the requirements listed below are required to be excluded from school. For more information on attendance requirements see the links included below.

- [NYSED and NYSDOH Frequently Asked Questions About School Vaccination Requirements](#)
- [NYSED and NYSDOH Joint Memo to Schools](#)

*Please see the schedule below to ensure your child is up to date with their immunization requirements and they have updated Health Examination(s).*

### **2024-2025 School Year Health Examination Requirements**

The New York State Education Department has established specific grades for which you are required to submit a [health examination form](#) for your child. All new students enrolling in the Eastchester Union Free School District are required to submit a [health examination form](#). In addition, students entering these grade levels are mandated to provide updated physicals:

- Kindergarten
- 1st Grade
- 3rd Grade
- 5th Grade
- 7th Grade
- 9th Grade
- 11th Grade
- All new students to the District (regardless of incoming grade level)

Physicals are valid for one year.

# 2024-25 School Year New York State Immunization Requirements for School Entrance/Attendance<sup>1</sup>

**NOTES:**

All children must be age-appropriately immunized to attend school in New York State. The number of doses depends on the schedule recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). Intervals between doses of vaccine must be in accordance with the ["ACIP-Recommended Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule."](#) Doses received before the minimum age or intervals are not valid and do not count toward the number of doses listed below. See footnotes for specific information for each vaccine. Children who are enrolling in grade-less classes must meet the immunization requirements of the grades for which they are age equivalent.

**Dose requirements MUST be read with the footnotes of this schedule**

Vaccines	Pre-Kindergarten (Day Care, Head Start, Nursery or Pre-K)	Kindergarten and Grades 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5	Grades 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11	Grade 12
Diphtheria and Tetanus toxoid-containing vaccine and Pertussis vaccine (DTaP/DTP/Tdap/Td) <sup>2</sup>	4 doses	5 doses or 4 doses if the 4th dose was received at 4 years or older or 3 doses if 7 years or older and the series was started at 1 year or older	3 doses	
Tetanus and Diphtheria toxoid-containing vaccine and Pertussis vaccine adolescent booster (Tdap) <sup>3</sup>	Not applicable		1 dose	
Polio vaccine (IPV/OPV) <sup>4</sup>	3 doses	4 doses or 3 doses if the 3rd dose was received at 4 years or older		
Measles, Mumps and Rubella vaccine (MMR) <sup>5</sup>	1 dose	2 doses		
Hepatitis B vaccine <sup>6</sup>	3 doses	3 doses or 2 doses of adult hepatitis B vaccine (Recombivax) for children who received the doses at least 4 months apart between the ages of 11 through 15 years		
Varicella (Chickenpox) vaccine <sup>7</sup>	1 dose	2 doses		
Meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MenACWY) <sup>8</sup>	Not applicable		Grades 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11: 1 dose	2 doses or 1 dose if the dose was received at 16 years or older
Haemophilus influenzae type b conjugate vaccine (Hib) <sup>9</sup>	1 to 4 doses	Not applicable		
Pneumococcal Conjugate vaccine (PCV) <sup>10</sup>	1 to 4 doses	Not applicable		

\* See Footnote

## Dental Exams

Education Law §903 requires public schools to request a dental health certificate at the same time a health certificate/appraisal is required. The dental certificate may be signed by a dentist or dental hygienist. Students will be permitted to attend school regardless of whether or not they have a dental certificate. If the dental certificate is received, it should be filed in the cumulative health record. Such dental health certificates must contain a report of a comprehensive dental examination performed on your child. Please feel free to use this [Dental Health Certificate](#) to complete this requirement.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's pediatrician or your building's school nurse.

Sincerely,



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1. Demonstrated serologic evidence of measles, mumps or rubella antibodies or laboratory confirmation of these diseases is acceptable proof of immunity to these diseases. Serologic tests for polio are acceptable proof of immunity only if the test was performed before September 1, 2019, and all three serotypes were positive. A positive blood test for hepatitis B surface antibody is acceptable proof of immunity to hepatitis B. Demonstrated serologic evidence of varicella antibodies, laboratory confirmation of varicella disease or diagnosis by a physician, physician assistant or nurse practitioner that a child has had varicella disease is acceptable proof of immunity to varicella.

6. Hepatitis B vaccine

- a. Dose 1 may be given at birth or anytime thereafter. Dose 2 must be given at least 4 weeks (28 days) after dose 1. Dose 3 must be at least 8 weeks after dose 2 AND at least 16 weeks after dose 1 AND no earlier than age 24 weeks (when 4 doses are given, substitute "dose 4" for "dose 3" in these calculations).
- b. Two doses of adult hepatitis B vaccine (Recombivax) received at least 4 months apart at age 11 through 15 years will meet the requirement.