Minimum Health Requirements Prior to School Entry (Form MCH)*

By law in the State of Virginia, any child may be prevented from entering school if a physical examination and/or immunizations are not complete. (Rev. 4/2/25)

1. **Health History**: *Part I of MCH** Completed by parent/guardian. Can be done in Power School: *ACPS Reg 9 - Medical*

2. **Immunizations***:* *Part II of MCH** Immunizations do not have to be recorded on page 2 **if** they are recorded on another form with the name of the vaccine and the date it was administered. Immunization record must be signed by doctor, RN or health department official. Minimum requirements are listed below.

3. **Physical Examination:** *Part III of MCH** Form completed no more than 12 months prior to entry into elementary school. May accept physical examination from a doctor or nurse practitioner on form other than VA (MCH) if the *scope* of the exam is the same as the VA required one. Per VDOE, scope of out-of-state physical exams means it must include at a minimum: 1) the visit was a well child visit 2) a review of systems occurred 3) areas of concern and any medically necessary restrictions are noted and 4) signature of healthcare provider and date of exam.

Immunization	Minimum number required
DTaP, DTP, DT or Tdap	4 w/ 1 dose on or after 4th birthday > 7 years need only 3 doses if 1st dose ≥ 12 months (1 can be Tdap)
Tdap Booster	1 dose required prior to entry into 7th (or 8th 9th 10th 11th 12th grade if not given before 7th) (Only 1 dose necessary)
Polio (OPV or IPV)	4 w/ 1 dose on or after 4th birthday (only 3 doses if 3rd on/after 4th birthday and at least 6 months after previous dose)
Hepatitis A (HAV)	Effective July 1, 2021, 2 doses w/ first dose at age 12 months or older, minimal interval 6 months between doses. In SY 2024, Hep A required prior to entry into K, 1, 2 & 3
Hepatitis B	3 with at least 4 months spacing between 1st and 3rd doses
Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccine	Effective July 1, 2021, a complete series of 2 doses w/ first dose before entering 7th grade. After reviewing educational materials approved by the Board of Health, the parent or guardian, at their sole discretion, may elect for the child not to receive the HPV vaccine.
Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR)**	2 MMRs or 2 each Measles and Mumps and 1 Rubella First dose on or after first birthday Second MMR may be administered at pre-K physical.
Varicella (chicken pox)**	2, none required if history of disease
Meningitis MenACWY	Effective July 1, 2021, 2 doses. The first dose prior to entering 7th grade and the final dose prior to entering 12th grade. In SY 2024, a dose is required for 8th, 9th, & 10th grade if not given prior to 7th If first dose < age **16**, second dose required prior to entering 12th grade If first ≥ 16, second dose not required

* MCH is the Commonwealth of Virginia School Health Entrance Form; current version is MCH-213 G
** First dose must be on or after 1st birthday

Exemptions to above requirements:

1) Family objects to immunizations and/or physical exam for religious reasons.
2) Family is homeless. Contact Coordinator of Federal Programs: Homeless, Migrant and Families in Crisis: 434-234-7783. Enter *Temp Exemption* in PS to track.
3) Student is medically exempt from immunizations – must have signature from physician stating reason for medical exemption and what time, if any, the exemption will be removed.
4) Student has had at least 1 of shot of each series and the minimum interval between shots has not been reached. Family must present a schedule for completion of all required series (catch-up).