# Katy ISD 2025 - 2026 Texas Minimum State Vaccine Requirements for

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| **Vaccine Required** (Attention to notes and footnotes) | **Minimum Number of Doses Required by Grade Level** See Notes Section for Specifics → → → → | | | | ***** NOTES ***** Each vaccine has specific date/spacing requirements. These are outlined below: |
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| | **PPCD, ECAP, Community Speech & PK** | **KG – 6th** | **7th** | **8th – 12th** | |
| **Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis (DTaP/DTP/DT/Td/Tdap)[1]** | **4 doses** | **5 doses or 4 doses*** | **3 doses**<br>**1 Tdap/Td booster within the last 5 years** | **3 doses**<br>**1 Tdap/Td booster within the last 10 years** | **For K – 6th grade**: 5 doses of diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis vaccine; **one dose must have been received on or after the 4th birthday.** However, 4 doses meet the requirement if the 4th dose was received on or after the 4th birthday. For students aged 7 years and older, 3 doses meet the requirement if one dose was received on or after the 4th birthday.<br>**For 7th grade**: 1 dose of Tdap is required if at least **5 years** have passed since the last dose of tetanus containing vaccine.<br>**For 8th-12th grade**: 1 dose of Tdap is required when **10 years** have passed since the last dose of tetanus containing vaccine. Td is acceptable in place of Tdap if a medical contraindication to pertussis exists. |
| **Polio[1]** | **3 doses** | **4 doses or 3 doses*** | **4 doses or 3 doses*** | **4 doses or 3 doses*** | **For K – 12th grade**: 4 doses of polio; **one dose must be received on or after the 4th birthday.** However, 3 doses meet the requirement if the 3rd dose was received on or after the 4thbirthday.<br>**Polio vaccine not required for persons 18 years of age or older**. |
| **Measles, Mumps, and Rubella[1,2] (MMR)** | **1 dose** | **2 doses** | **2 doses** | **2 doses** | **For K – 12th grade:** 2 doses are required, with the 1st dose received on or after the 1st birthday. Students vaccinated prior to 2009 with 2 doses of measles and one dose of rubella and mumps satisfy this requirement. |
| **Hepatitis B[2]** | **3 doses** | **3 doses** | **3 doses** | **3 doses** | For students aged 11-15 years, 2 doses meet the requirement if adult hepatitis B vaccine (Recombivax) was received. Dosage and type of vaccine must be clearly documented. (Two 10mcg/1.0 ml of Recombivax) If Recombivax was notthe vaccine received, a 3-dose series is required. |
| **Varicella[1,2,3]** | **1 dose** | **2 doses** | **2 doses** | **2 doses** | **The first dose of varicella must be received on or after the first birthday.**<br>**For K – 12th grade:** two doses are required. |
| **Meningococcal[1]** | **x** | **x** | **1 dose** | **1 dose** | **For 7th – 12th grade**, 1 dose of quadrivalent meningococcal conjugate vaccine is required on or after the student's 11th birthday. **Note:** If a student received vaccine at 10 years of age, this will satisfy the requirement. |
| **Hepatitis A[1,2]** | **2 doses** | **2 doses** | **2 doses** | **2 doses** | The first dose of Hepatitis A vaccine must be received on or after the first birthday. |
| **Haemophilus influenza type b (Hib)[1]** | **1 dose See Notes** | **x** | **x** | **x** | Complete series of Hib vaccine, OR one dose of any Hib vaccine given on or after 15 months of age. A Hib primary series and booster is two doses and a booster dose on or after 12 months of age. If the 1st dose was received @ 12-14 months of age, then only one additional dose is required. Children 60 months of age and older are not required to receive Hib vaccine. |
| **Pneumococcal conjugate Vaccination (PCV)[1]** | **1 dose See Notes** | **x** | **x** | **x** | A complete series of PCV (three doses + a booster >12 months) or<br>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. |

[1] Receipt of the dose up to (and including) 4 days before the birthday will satisfy the school entry immunization requirement.

[2] Serologic confirmation of immunity to measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B, Hepatitis A, or varicella or serologic evidence of infection in acceptable in place of vaccine.

3 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 does not need varicella vaccine." This written statement will be acceptable in place of any and all varicella vaccine doses required.

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## Exemptions

Texas law allows (a) physicians to write **medical exemption** statements which clearly state a medical reason exist that the person cannot receive specific vaccines 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 it 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.
For children claiming medical exemptions, a written statement by a physician, licensed in the US, must be submitted to the school. Unless it is written in the statement that a "lifelong condition" exists, the exemption statement is valid for only one year from the date signed by the physician.

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.dshs.texas.gov/Immunize/school/exemptions.aspx
The original exemption affidavit must be completed and submitted to the school. This affidavit will be valid for a period of two (2) years.

## 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 campus 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 ca 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 providers 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.

Additional information can be found at the Texas Department of State Health Services' website: www.dshs.texas.gov/immunize/school

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