Immunization Requirements for St. Benedict's Prep

Unless your student is exempt because of valid medical reason(s) all students are required to have the minimum required number of doses to attend any NJ school. Records must include all immunizations received since birth and can be obtained from your pediatrician, previous school attended (A-45), or NJIIS record (if your child was born in NJ).

Students entering a NJ school from **out of state or out of country** are allowed up to 30 days to provide proof of immunization history before their provisional status begins. Provisional Admission allows a child to enter/ attend school after having received a minimum of one dose of each of the required vaccines. Pupils must be actively in the process of completing the series and on schedule to receive subsequent doses **as rapidly as medically feasible**. The school nurse/ administrator shall review the immunization status of a provisionally enrolled student every 30 days to ensure continued compliance in completing the required doses of vaccine(s).

- Provisional status can only be granted one time to students entering or transferring into schools. Information on this status will need to be sent by the original school to the new school.
- If after the 30 days have elapsed and no documentation of previous vaccination is provided; The child may not attend school until one dose of all age-appropriate required vaccines are received before being provisionally admitted.

Students Entering **7th Grade** - New Jersey State law (N.J.A.C. 8:57-4) mandates all students entering Grade 7, or when they turn 11 years of age, are required to receive the Tdap and Meningococcal Immunizations.

Newark Dept of Health performs immunization audits annually. Students who are not compliant with immunization requirements will be placed on Medical Suspension until missing immunizations are received or a provisional track is started. If records are not rectified by the end of the provisional period, the student will be dismissed from St. Benedict's Prep.

For students with **Religious Exemptions** from Vaccinations - In accordance with **N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.39 (d)** and **4.4 (d)**, In the event of an outbreak of a vaccine preventable disease for which your child is not fully vaccinated, your child will be excluded from school by the Newark Department of Health. This is to protect his/her health and the health of all our students and staff. It is important to understand that with some diseases such as measles, one infected child is an outbreak. The length of time your child will be kept out of school depends on the disease. St. Benedict's Prep is not responsible for providing virtual/remote learning during your child's exclusion. You will have to coordinate with your local school district to provide learning for your child.

If your child is excluded, your child will also be excluded from school sponsored activities, such as sporting events, dances, and graduation that occur within the exclusion period. St. Benedict's will notify you when your child can return to school.



New Jersey School (K-12) Vaccine Requirements

New Jersey requires children attending school to meet minimum immunization requirements. These vaccines help protect children from serious illnesses that can easily spread in group settings, where they are in close contact with one another. For the best protection, children should follow the AAP childhood schedule.

The table below shows the number of vaccine doses required based on the child's grade of entry. Fewer doses may be needed than what is listed if the child is behind schedule. Talk to your child's doctor for details.

	Kindergarten/Grade 1 (Entry Grade)	**Grades 2-6**	**Grades 7-12**
DTaP (for children under age 7) **Td/Tdap** (for children 7 and older)	**Primary Series:** 4 or 5 doses (at least one dose on or after the 4th birthday)	Proof of completing primary series (at least one dose on or after the 4th birthday)	Proof of completing primary series **AND** at least 1 Tdap at age 10 or older.
IPV/OPV	Total of 3 or 4 doses (at least one dose given on or after the 4th birthday)		
MMR	Total of 2 doses		
VAR	Total of 1 dose		
Hep B	Total of 3 doses (or an approved two-dose series)		
Men ACWY	None	None	Total of 1 dose which must be given at age 10 and older

Vaccine Key

DTaP: Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis (whooping cough)

Td: Tetanus and diphtheria

Tdap: Tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis

IPV/OPV: Inactivated Polio Vaccine and Oral Polio Vaccine

MMR: Measles, Mumps, and Rubella

VAR: Varicella

Hep B: Hepatitis B

MenACWY: Meningococcal ACWY

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This is a summary document. New Jersey's minimum immunization requirements are based on the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), AAP childhood schedule. Vaccines are required at the earliest age of school entry. Children who are not up to date with the required vaccines will be required to follow the catch-up immunization schedule; parents should speak to their health care provider to help their children get caught up.

Medical and religious exemptions (reasons for not receiving vaccines) are detailed in the Immunization of Children in Child Care Centers and Schools regulations. Instructions for viewing the regulations are available at nj.gov/health/cd/imm_requirements/acode/. Another resource is the "NJ Immunization Requirements Frequently Asked Questions", available at nj.gov/health/cd/imm_requirements/.

***DTaP/Td/Tdap**

Kindergarten or Grade 1: By the time children start school, they need 4 or 5 DTaP doses, depending on their age when they began the vaccination series. At least one dose must be given on or after their 4th birthday.

Grades 2–6: A primary series means completing all the beginning doses of a vaccine. Children age 7 or older who are not up to date need to either finish their Td/Tdap vaccine series or show they have already had at least 3 total doses of DTaP, Td, or Tdap with one dose on or after the 4th birthday. Your health care provider can help your child get caught up by using the catch-up schedule.

Grades 7 and higher: Students must have one Tdap dose given at age 10 or older and show proof that they completed the primary series.

Kindergarten through grade 12

IPV/OPV: OPV is not recommended for use, nor is it available in the United States. However, OPV may be utilized in other countries. Doses are only accepted if given before April 2016. Children who receive OPV doses after April 2016 must receive IPV doses instead. At least one dose must be given on or after their 4th birthday. Previously polio vaccine doses were not required for those 18 years of age an older; however, those 18 and older must now meet the requirements for school attendance.

MMR: Two doses of measles, mumps, and rubella.

Varicella: One dose of varicella is required. Two doses are recommended by AAP, but not required for school attendance.

Hep B: 3 doses or an approved two-dose series.

Meningococcal ACWY: One dose of MenACWY is required for those ages 10 and older at grade 7 and higher. Doses of MenACWY given before age 10 would need to be repeated.