

2026 - 2027 Texas Minimum State Vaccine Requirements for Students Grades K - 12

This chart summarizes the vaccine requirements incorporated in the Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Title 25 Health Services, §§97.61-97.72. This document is not intended as a substitute for the TAC, which has other provisions and details. The Department of State Health Services (DSHS) is granted authority to set immunization requirements by the Texas Education Code, Chapter 38.

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

A student shall show acceptable evidence of vaccination prior to entry, attendance, or transfer to a public or private elementary or secondary school in Texas.

Vaccine Required (Attention to notes and footnotes)	Minimum Number of Doses Required by Grade Level												Notes		
	Grades K - sixth						Grade seventh		Grades eighth - 12th						
	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7		8	9	10		11	12
Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis (DTaP/DTP/DT) Tetanus/Diphtheria/ Acellular Pertussis (Td/Tdap)	Five doses or four doses						Three dose primary series and one booster dose of Tdap/Td within the last five years				Three dose primary series and one booster dose of Tdap/Td within the last 10 years				For K – sixth grade: five doses of diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis vaccine; one dose must have been received on or after the fourth birthday. However, four doses meet the requirement if the fourth dose was received on or after the fourth birthday. ¹ For students age 7 years and older, three doses meet the requirement if one dose was received on or after the fourth birthday. ¹ For seventh grade: one dose of Tdap is required if at least five years have passed since the last dose of tetanus-containing vaccine.* For eighth – 12th grade: one 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	Four doses or three doses												For K – 12th grade: four doses of polio; one dose must be received on or after the fourth birthday. ¹ However, three doses meet the requirement if the third dose was received on or after the fourth birthday. ¹ Polio vaccine is not required for persons 18 years of age or older.		
Measles, Mumps, and Rubella ² (MMR)	Two doses												For K – 12th grade: two doses are required, with the first dose received on or after the first birthday. ¹ Students vaccinated prior to 2009 with two doses of measles and one dose each of rubella and mumps satisfy this requirement.		
Hepatitis B ²	Three doses												For students age 11 – 15 years old: two doses meet the requirement if adult hepatitis B vaccine (Recombivax®) was received. Dosage (10 mcg /1.0 mL) and type of vaccine (Recombivax®) must be clearly documented. If Recombivax® was not the vaccine received, a three-dose series is required.		
Varicella ^{2,3}	Two doses												For K – 12th grade: two doses are required, with the first dose received on or after the first birthday. ¹		
Meningococcal (MCV4)							One dose						For seventh – 12th grade: one dose of quadrivalent meningococcal conjugate vaccine is required on or after the student's 11th birthday. ¹		
Hepatitis A ²	Two doses												For K – 12th grade: two doses are required, with the first dose received on or after the first birthday. ¹		

NOTE: Shaded area indicates that the vaccine is not required for the respective grade.

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