

TEXAS IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS 2010-2011

Students must present proof of immunization compliance at the time of enrollment according to Texas Administrative Code, Title 25 Health Services, Chapter 97, Subchapter B, Rule 97.63 as indicated below. Students must have these vaccines before they may begin school; provisional enrollment and exemptions may be discussed with the nurse.

EARLY CHILDHOOD AND PRE-K (3 AND 4 YEAR OLDS)

- 4 Doses DPT
- 3 Doses Polio
- 1 Dose MMR received on or after the first birthday
- 3 Doses Hib: one of which must be on or after 12 months **OR** 1 Dose Hib after 15 months through the age of 4 years (No Hib required after 5th birthday)
- 3 Doses Hepatitis B
- 1 Dose Varicella on or after the first birthday (if child has not had chicken pox)
- 1 Dose Pneumococcus on or after the second birthday if series not completed
- 2 Doses Hepatitis A (first dose given on or after first birthday, 2nd dose no sooner than 6 months after 1st dose)

KINDERGARTEN

- 5 Doses DPT, including one received on or after the fourth birthday (4 doses if 4th dose was on or after fourth birthday)
- 4 Doses Polio (3 doses if 3rd dose was on or after the fourth birthday)
- 2 Doses MMR received on or after the first birthday and at least 28 days apart
- 3 Doses Hepatitis B
- 2 Doses Varicella (or written validation from a parent, school nurse, or physician of history of disease is acceptable in lieu of either dose of varicella+)
- 2 Doses of Hepatitis A (1st dose given on or after 1st birthday and 2nd dose no sooner than 6 months after 1st dose)

FIRST GRADE

- 5 Doses DPT, including one received on or after the fourth birthday (4 doses if 4th dose was on or after fourth birthday)
- 4 Doses Polio (3 doses if 3rd dose was on or after the fourth birthday)
- 2 Doses Measles vaccine received on or after the first birthday and at least 28 days apart and 1 Dose Rubella vaccine and 1 Dose Mumps vaccine
- 3 Doses Hepatitis B
- 2 Doses Varicella (or written validation from a parent, school nurse, or physician of history of disease is acceptable in lieu of either dose of varicella)
- 2 Doses Hepatitis A with 1st dose received on or after the first birthday

SECOND, THIRD, FOURTH, FIFTH, AND SIXTH GRADES

- 3 Doses DPT, including one on or after the fourth birthday
- 4 Doses Polio (3 doses if 3rd dose was on or after the fourth birthday)
- 2 Doses Measles vaccine received on or after the first birthday and at least 28 days apart and 1 Dose Rubella vaccine and 1 Dose Mumps vaccine
- 3 Doses Hepatitis B
- 1 Dose Varicella (or written validation from a parent, school nurse, or physician of history of disease is acceptable in lieu of either dose of varicella)

SEVENTH and EIGHTH GRADE

- 3 Doses DPT, including one on or after the fourth birthday
- 1 Dose Tdap is required for entry into and during 7th grade if it has been five years since their last dose of a tetanus-diphtheria
- 4 Doses Polio (3 doses if 3rd dose was on or after the fourth birthday)
- 2 Doses Measles vaccine received on or after the first birthday and at least 28 days apart and 1 Dose Rubella vaccine and 1 Dose Mumps vaccine
- 3 Doses Hepatitis B
- 2 Dose Varicella (or written validation from a parent, school nurse, or physician of history of disease is acceptable in lieu of either dose of varicella)
- 1 Dose Meningococcal vaccine

NINTH - TWELFTH GRADES

- 3 Doses DPT, including one on or after the fourth birthday (one dose must be within the last ten years)
- 1 Booster dose of Tdap when 10 years have passed since the last dose of Tetanus-diphtheria containing vaccine
- 4 Doses Polio (only 3 doses if one dose was given on or after the fourth birthday)
- 2 Doses Measles vaccine received on or after the first birthday and at least 28 days apart and 1 Dose Rubella vaccine and 1 Dose Mumps vaccine
- 3 Doses Hepatitis B
- 1 Dose Varicella (or written validation from a parent, school nurse, or physician of history of disease is acceptable in lieu of either dose of varicella) 2 Doses of varicella are required if the 1st dose was given after the age of 13

EXEMPTIONS

Medical Exemptions:

- Medical exemptions are valid for one year unless the physician states that the condition is life long.
- Exemptions are valid from MD's and DO's only and must state that the vaccination could be medically harmful to the student.

Conscientious and Religious Exemptions:

- Prior to 9/1/2003 and already on file with school, the exemption is considered lifelong unless the student changes school districts.
- Exemptions issued 9/1/2003 to 4/1/2004 are good for 5 years and will be honored for that time frame.
- Any exemptions completed after 4/1/2004 are only valid for two years.
- Vaccines must be checked on the form to be considered exempt, if no vaccines are checked the exemption is not valid.
- Students may have more than one valid exemption on file at the same time.
- The law does not allow the parents/guardians to elect an exemption simply because of inconvenience.
- Instructions for the affidavit to be signed by the parent/guardians choosing the exemption for reasons of conscience, including a religious belief can be found at www.ImmunizeTexas.com.

Provisional Enrollment:

- All immunizations should be completed by the first date of attendance.
- A student may be enrolled provisionally if the student has an immunization record that indicated the student has received at least one dose of each specified age-appropriate vaccine required by this rule.
- 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.
- If the student fails to obtain the required immunization on schedule the student is not in compliance and the school shall exclude the student from school attendance until the required dose is administered. Records are reviewed at least every 30 days.
- A student can be enrolled provisionally for no more than 30 days if he/she transfers from one Texas school to another and is awaiting the transfer of the immunization records.