

# LCS HEALTH OFFICE NOTICE



The following is a brief overview of the immunizations required prior to school entrance. These requirements and the accompanying guidelines are extracted from the New York State Education Department Regulations and Public Health Law 2164.

## All children attending schools in New York State must be properly immunized as follows:

(See specifics for unvaccinated children at the following website: <http://www.health.ny.gov/publications/2370.pdf>)

3-5 doses	<b>Diphtheria Toxoid vaccine</b> – 4 doses (if the 4 <sup>th</sup> dose of DTaP was administered at age 4 years or older, then the 5 <sup>th</sup> (booster) is not necessary. 3 doses are required if the series is started at 7 years of age or older.)
3-4 doses	<b>Polio vaccine (OPV and/or IPV)</b> – If 3 doses were administered before age 4 years, an additional dose should be received at age 4-6 years. For children 7 years or older who have previously received less than 3 doses, a total of 3 doses are required.
2 doses	<b>MMR vaccine</b> given no more than 4 days prior to the first birthday
2 doses	1 <sup>st</sup> <b>Varicella vaccine</b> (chickenpox) dose given <b>no more than 4 days prior</b> to the first birthday
2 doses	<b>Varicella vaccine</b> (see specifics based on age of student)
3 doses	Hepatitis B vaccine (with 3 <sup>rd</sup> dose given at or after 6 months of age) The 2 dose adult <b>Recombivax Hepatitis B series</b> for students 11-15 years of age meets the requirements for Hepatitis B.
1 dose	<b>Tetanus toxoid containing vaccine and Pertussis vaccine</b> (Only required for students enrolling in grades 6-12 who have not previously received a Tdap at 7 years of age or older.)
1 dose	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Meningococcal vaccine</b> required for students in grades 7-11.
1 dose	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Meningococcal (booster) vaccine</b> for students entering 12 <sup>th</sup> grade – age 16 or older.

**Prior to beginning classes**, an immunization record documented (or certification of having the disease) by a physician or other authorized person who administered the vaccine **must be presented**. Your child may be excluded from school if this documentation is not provided. **The record must specify the immunizations and the exact dates of their immunization. The only students exempt from the above requirements are those having a certificate or written physician's statement of an approved NYS DOH medical exemption.**

### OTHER HEALTH INFORMATION

You are strongly urged to see that your child has a complete physical and dental examination by your family physician and dentist before entrance into school each fall. A school health form is available for this purpose from the school nurse for your family physician.

Additionally, when entering school for the first time and again in grades K, 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and 11, all students are required to have a physical examination. **Although the form must be returned by the end of September, an examination administered not more than 12 months prior to the commencement of the school year in with the examination is required, will be accepted.** All students requiring a physical will also be requested to present a dental health certificate with in the first 30 days of school. **Such dental health certificate must be signed by a licensed dentist who is authorized by law to practice in this state.**

Each year the school nurse conducts a school health appraisal consisting of a vision and hearing screening in required grade levels based on NYSED mandates. Scoliosis screening is done on all girls in 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grades and for boys in 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Parents will be notified if any condition meriting concern is found.