



## IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS AND HEALTH INFORMATION

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            Diphtheria Toxoid vaccine —4 doses (if the 4th dose of DTaP was administered at age 4 years or older, then the fifth (booster) is not necessary. 3 doses if the series is started at 7 years of age or older
- 3-4 doses            Polio vaccine (OPV and/or IPV) If 3 doses were administered before age 4, 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              MMR given no more than 4 days prior to the first birthday
- 2 doses              First Varicella given no more than 4 days prior to the first birthday
- 2 doses              Varicella vaccine (Chickenpox) for students in grades K-4, and 6-10, all others need one dose
- 3 doses              Hepatitis B vaccine (with third dose given at or after 6 months of age)
  - The 2 dose adult Recombivax Hepatitis B series for students 11-15 years of age meets the requirements for Hepatitis B.
- 1 dose                Tetanus toxoid containing vaccine and Pertussis vaccine (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                Meningococcal vaccine for students in grades 7, 8, and 9
- 1 dose                Meningococcal (booster) vaccine for students entering 12th 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 administration. Students may be exempt from these requirements if their physician states such immunizations would be detrimental to their health, or if their parents provide a sworn statement that they are members of a specified, recognized religious organization whose teachings prohibit immunization.

## 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. 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 will require a physical examination. Although the form must be returned by the end of September, an examination administered not more than twelve months prior to commencement of the school year in which the examination is required, will be accepted. All students requiring a physical will also be requested to present a dental health certificate within the first 30 days of school; such dental health certificate must be signed by a duly licensed dentist who is authorized by law to practice in this state. You are encouraged to see your family pediatrician. If this is not possible, an appraisal may be completed by our school physician. Please contact the school nurse in your elementary building if you have any questions.

Each year the school nurse conducts a school health appraisal consisting of the following: height and weight measurement annually; vision screening in K,1,3,5,7,11 and hearing screening in K,1,3,5,7,11; scoliosis screening is done on all girls in 5th and 7th grades and boys in 9th grade. Parents will be notified when any condition meriting concern is found.