School Entry Requirements

Before a child enters school for the first time, they are required to receive the following shots:

DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus and acellular pertussis)	5 doses*
Polio	4 doses
Hib (haemophilus influenzae type B)	3-4 doses**
Measles	2 doses
Mumps	2 doses
Rubella	1 dose
Hepatitis B	3 doses
Varicella (chickenpox)	1 dose ⁺

- * The last dose of DTaP must be given after age 4.
- ** Children beyond their 5th birthday are not required to have any Hib vaccine.
- Vaccination required unless documentation of disease history.

Note:

Pneumococcal, Hepatitis A, Flu, and a second dose of Varicella vaccine are not required but are recommended for this age group by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.

6th Grade Entry Vaccine Requirements:

Children entering 6th grade should be up-to-date with all of the required vaccines listed above.

In addition, all children entering 6th grade or those who have reached 12 years of age on or after August 1, 2008, are required to have a booster dose of Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis) vaccine, if five years or more have passed since the last dose of tetanus-containing vaccine.

Note

Meningococcal, HPV, Hepatitis A, Flu, and a second dose of Varicella vaccine are not required but are recommended for this age group by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.

College/University Vaccine Requirements:

DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus and acellular pertussis)	3 doses ¹
Polio	3 doses ²
Measles	2 doses ³
Mumps	2 doses ⁴
Rubella	1 dose ⁵
Hepatitis B	3 doses ⁶

- Footnote¹ Three doses of tetanus/diphtheria toxoid, of which one must have been within the past 10 years. One of those doses must have been Tdap unless any of the following occur: Entered college or university prior to July 1, 2008; a booster dose of Td was given within the last 10 years; individual is over the age of 64.
- Footnote² An individual attending school who has attained his or her 18th birthday is not required to receive polio vaccine.
- Footnote³ Measles vaccine is not required if any of the following occur: Diagnosis of disease by an MD prior to January 1, 1994; Born prior to 1957; An individual who has been documented by serological testing to have a protective antibody titer against measles. A second dose of measles vaccine is not required for individuals enrolled in college or university for the first time before July 1, 1994.
- Footnote⁴ Mumps vaccine is not required if any of the following occur: Born prior to 1957; Enrolled in college or university before July 1, 1994; An individual who has been documented by serological testing to have a protective antibody titer against mumps. A second mumps vaccine is not required of an individual enrolled in college or university prior to July 1, 2008.
- Footnote⁵ Rubella vaccine is not required if any of the following occur: 50 years of age or older; Enrolled in college or university before February 1, 1989 and after their 30th birthday; An individual who has been documented by serological testing to have a protective antibody titer against Rubella.
- Footnote⁶ Hepatitis B vaccine is not required if any of the following occur: Born before July 1, 1994.
- Note: Meningococcal, HPV, Hepatitis A, Flu, and a second dose of Varicella vaccine are not required but are recommended for this age group by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.



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