

## 2018-2019 Texas Minimum State Vaccine Requirements for Students

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Vaccine Required (Attention to notes and footnotes)	Minimum Number of Doses Required by Grade Level See Notes Section for Specifics → → → →				*** NOTES ***  Each vaccine has specific date/spacing requirements. These are outlined below:
	PPCD, ECAP, Community Speech & PK	KG – 6th	7th	8th – 12th	
Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis (DTaP/DTP/DT/Td/Tdap) <sup>1</sup>	4 doses	5 doses or 4 doses*	3 doses  1 Tdap/Td booster within the last 5 years	3 doses  1 Tdap/Td booster within the last 10 years	<p><b>For K – 6<sup>th</sup> grade:</b> 5 doses of diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis vaccine; <b>one dose must have been received on or after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday.</b> However, 4 doses meet the requirement if the 4<sup>th</sup> dose was received on or after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday. For students aged 7 years and older, 3 doses meet the requirement if one dose was received on or after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday.</p> <p><b>For 7<sup>th</sup> grade:</b> 1 dose of Tdap is required if at least <b>5 years</b> have passed since the last dose of tetanus containing vaccine.</p> <p><b>For 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade:</b> 1 dose of Tdap is required when <b>10 years</b> have passed since the last dose of tetanus containing vaccine. Td is acceptable in place of Tdap if a medical contraindication to pertussis exists.</p>
Polio <sup>1</sup>	3 doses	4 doses or 3 doses*	4 doses or 3 doses*	4 doses or 3 doses*	<p><b>For K – 12<sup>th</sup> grade:</b> 4 doses of polio; <b>one dose must be received on or after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday.</b> However, 3 doses meet the requirement if the 3<sup>rd</sup> dose was received on or after the 4<sup>th</sup> birthday.</p>
Measles, Mumps, and Rubella <sup>1,2</sup> (MMR)	1 dose	2 doses	2 doses	2 doses	<p><b>For K – 12<sup>th</sup> grade:</b> 2 doses are required, with the 1<sup>st</sup> dose received on or after the 1<sup>st</sup> birthday. Students vaccinated prior to 2009 with 2 doses of measles and one dose of rubella and mumps satisfy this requirement.</p>
Hepatitis B <sup>2</sup>	3 doses	3 doses	3 doses	3 doses	<p>For students aged 11-15 years, 2 doses meet the requirement if adult hepatitis B vaccine (Recombivax) was received. Dosage and type of vaccine must be clearly documented. (Two 10mcg/1.0 ml of Recombivax) If Recombivax was not the vaccine received, a 3-dose series is required.</p>
Varicella <sup>1,2,3</sup>	1 dose	2 doses	2 doses	2 doses	<p><b>The first dose of varicella must be received on or after the first birthday.</b> <b>For K – 12<sup>th</sup> grade:</b> two doses are required.</p>
Meningococcal	x	x	1 dose	1 dose	<p><b>For 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade,</b> 1 dose of quadrivalent meningococcal conjugate vaccine is required on or after the student's 11<sup>th</sup> birthday. Note: If a student received the vaccine at 10 years of age, this will satisfy the requirement. <b>Note:</b> If a student received vaccine at 10 years of age, this will satisfy the requirement.</p>
Hepatitis A <sup>1,2</sup>	2 doses	2 doses	2 doses	2 doses for 9 <sup>th</sup> grade/No doses for 10-12 <sup>th</sup>	<p>The first dose of Hepatitis A vaccine must be received on or after the first birthday. <b>For K – 9<sup>th</sup> grade:</b> 2 doses are required. Special note: a child will not be considered delinquent in this series until 18 months have elapsed since receiving the 1<sup>st</sup> dose.</p>
Haemophilus influenza type b (Hib)	1 dose See Notes	x	x	x	<p>Complete series of Hib vaccine, OR one dose of any Hib vaccine given on or after 15 months of age. A Hib primary series and booster is two doses and a booster dose on or after 12 months of age. If the 1<sup>st</sup> dose was received @ 12-14 months of age, then only one additional dose is required.</p>
Pneumococcal Vaccination Prevnar (PCV-7, PCV-13)	1 dose See Notes	x	x	x	<p>A complete series of PCV (three doses + a booster &gt;12 months) or Children 24 months through 59 months meet the requirement if they have at least three doses with one dose on or after 12 months of age, or two doses with both doses on or after 12 months of age, or one dose on or after 24 months of age. Otherwise, one additional dose is required.</p>

<sup>1</sup> Receipt of the dose up to (and including) 4 days before the birthday will satisfy the school entry immunization requirement.

<sup>2</sup> Serologic confirmation of immunity to measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B, Hepatitis A, or varicella or serologic evidence of infection in acceptable in place of vaccine.

<sup>3</sup> Previous illness may be documented with a written statement from a physician, school nurse, or the child's parent or guardian containing wording such as: "This is to verify that (name of student) had varicella disease (chickenpox) on or about (date) and does not need varicella vaccine." This written statement will be acceptable in place of any and all varicella vaccine doses required.

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### **Exemptions**

Texas law allows (a) physicians to write medical exemption statements that the vaccine(s) required would be medically harmful or injurious to the health and well-being of the child or household member, and (b) parents/guardians to choose an exemption from immunization requirements for reasons of conscience, including a religious belief. The law does not allow parents/guardians to elect an exemption simply because of inconvenience (for example, a record is lost or incomplete and it is too much trouble to go to a physician or clinic to correct the problem). Schools should maintain an up-to-date list of students with exemptions, so they may be excluded in times of emergency or epidemic declared by the commissioner of public health.

Instructions for requesting the official exemption affidavit that must be signed by parents/guardians choosing the exemption for reasons of conscience, including a religious belief, can be found at [www.ImmunizeTexas.com](http://www.ImmunizeTexas.com) under "School & Child-Care." Original Exemption Affidavit must be completed and submitted to the school. This affidavit will be valid for a period of two (2) years.

For children claiming medical exemptions, a written statement by the physician licensed in the US must be submitted to the school. Unless it is written in the statement that a lifelong condition exists, the exemption statement is valid for only one year from the date signed by the physician.

### **Provisional Enrollment**

All immunizations should be completed by the first date of attendance. The law requires that students be fully vaccinated against the specified diseases. A student may be enrolled provisionally if the student has an immunization record that indicates 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. A campus nurse or school administrator shall review the immunization status of a provisionally enrolled student every 30 days to ensure continued compliance in completing the required doses of vaccination. If, at the end of the 30-day period, a student has not received a subsequent dose of vaccine, the student is not in compliance and the school shall exclude the student from school attendance until the required dose is administered.

Additional guidelines for provisional enrollment of students transferring from one Texas public or private school to another, students who are dependents of active duty military, students in foster care, and students who are homeless can be found in the TAC, Title 25 Health Services, Sections 97.66 and 97.69.

### **Documentation**

Since many types of personal immunization records are in use, any document will be acceptable provided a physician or public health personnel has validated it. The month, day, and year that the vaccination was received must be recorded on all school immunization records created or updated after September 1, 1991.

Additional information can be found at the Texas Department of State Health Services' website: [www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize/school](http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize/school)