

## REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL ENTRY

**Physical Exam/Health Assessments:** In compliance with North Carolina law, all students entering Pre-kindergarten and Kindergarten must present a health assessment (physical exam report) by the first day of school entry. The assessment must have been completed within 12 months before the first day of school entry.

**Immunizations:** In compliance with North Carolina law, parents/guardian must present certification of immunizations on the first day of school entry. If documentation is not presented, parents and/or guardians have 30 calendar days to provide documentation or the student shall be excluded from school until proof is presented.

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Age/Grade	Number of Doses
2-4 years/Pre-K	4 DTP/DTaP/DT 3 Polio 3 HIB 3 Hep B 1 MMR 1 Varicella
Grade K-5	5 (4) DTP/DTaP/Dt/Td 4 Polio *3 HIB 3 Hep B 2 MMR 1 Varicella
Grade 6	5 (4) DTP/DTaP/Dt/Td 4 Polio *3 HIB 3 Hep B 2 MMR 1 Varicella (if born on or after 4/1/2001) 1 Tdap (new requirement for entering grade 6 since 2008)
Grade 7 - 12	5 (4) DTP/DTaP/Td/Tdap 4 Polio *3 HIB 3 Hep B (if born on or after 7-1-94) 2 MMR 1 Varicella (if born on or after 4-1-2001) (Note: *HIB is not required to enter school after the age of 5 yrs.)

1. **DPT/DTaP/TD vaccine for children entering Kindergarten:** Your child must have received one dose after the 4th birthday (4th or 5th) to be compliant.
2. **DPT/DTaP/Dt/Td vaccine for students entering grades 1 through 12:** Five doses are required. However, if your child received their 4th dose after the 4th birthday, further doses are not required. Students beginning the series after age 7 years only need 3 Td doses.
3. **Polio vaccine for students entering grades kindergarten through 12:** For children who received all IPV or all oral poliovirus (OPV) series: Four doses are required. However, if your child received the 3rd dose after the 4th birthday, further doses are not required. IF both OPV & IPV were administered as part of a series, a total of 4 doses should be given, regardless of the child's current age.
4. **HIB (Haemophilus influenza type b vaccine)** two or three doses, depending on the type of vaccine, **AND** a booster dose after 12 months of age. \*Children who have reached their 5th birthday are NOT required to be vaccinated against Haemophilus influenza type b.
5. **Hepatitis B - "Hep B"** Three doses, required for all children born on or after 7-1-1994 (third dose must be given after 24 weeks of age).
6. **MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) vaccine for all students:** The first dose of MMR vaccine must have been received on or after the first birthday. 2nd dose is required, usually done with kindergarten boosters. (Note: a dose 4 days or less before the 1st birthday is also acceptable.)
7. **Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine.** Chickenpox disease is also acceptable. One dose required for all children born on or after 4-1-2001. The dose must be given on or after the 1st birthday (or no more than 4 days before the 1st birthday). The second dose of varicella vaccine should be given at age 4-6 years. If the child has had chicken pox disease, the vaccine is not required.
8. **Tdap vaccine (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis)** required for all students entering 6th grade or proof of Td in the past 3 years is required.

More information on required and recommended immunizations can be found on :

[www.immunizenc.org](http://www.immunizenc.org) (or immunizenc.com )