

New York State Immunization Requirements for School Entrance/Attendance¹

Vaccines	Pre-Kindergarten (Day Care, Nursey, Headstart, or Pre-K) ²	School (K-12)
Diphtheria Toxoid Containing Vaccine	3 doses (New York City Schools – 4 doses) ³	3 doses (New York City Schools – 4 doses – required for Kindergarten only)
Tetanus Toxoid Containing Vaccine and Pertussis Vaccine (DTaP, DTP) ⁴	3 doses if born on or after 1/1/2005	Not applicable until student born on or after 1/1/2005 enrolls in school
Polio (IPV or OPV)	3 doses of polio vaccine ³	3 doses of polio vaccine
Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR) ⁵	1 dose of measles, mumps and rubella	2 doses of measles containing vaccine and 1 dose each of mumps and rubella (preferably as MMR)
Hepatitis B	3 doses	3 doses of hepatitis B vaccine Grades K-12 (as of the 2005-06 school year) ⁶
Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib)	3 doses if less than 15 months of age or 1 dose administered on or after 15 months of age	Not applicable
Varicella (Chickenpox) ⁵	Born on or after 1/1/2000 1 dose	Born on or after 1/1/98 or born on or after 1/1/94 and enrolling in 6 th grade ⁷ 1 dose

¹ Demonstrated serologic evidence of either measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B or varicella antibodies is acceptable proof of immunity to these diseases. Diagnosis by a physician that a child/student has had measles, mumps, or varicella diseases is acceptable proof of immunity to those diseases.

² Children in a Pre-Kindergarten setting should be age appropriately immunized. The number of doses depends on the schedule recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP).

³ Please note at this time that New York State requires 3 doses of diphtheria (New York City requires 4 doses for pre-kindergarten and kindergarten only) and three doses of polio vaccine for entry into kindergarten and for any student entering a school in New York State for the first time. However, ACIP recommends 4 doses of diphtheria by age 18 months and 5 doses by age 4-6 years of age. Children 4-6 years of age should receive 4 doses of polio vaccine unless the 3rd dose is given after 4 years of age.

⁴ DTaP is the currently recommended vaccine for diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis.

⁵ The New York State Department of Health Immunization Program concurs with the ACIP which recommends that vaccine doses administered up to 4 days before the minimum interval or age for measles, mumps, rubella and varicella be counted as valid.

⁶ Hepatitis B – For students in grades 7-12, 3 doses of Recombivax HB or Engerix-B is required, except for those students who receive 2 doses of adult hepatitis B vaccine (Recombivax) which is recommended for children 11-15 years old.

⁷ Students enrolling in the 6th grade includes students who are entering, repeating or transferring into the 6th grade and students who are enrolling in gradeless classes and are the age equivalent of 6th grade. Two (2) doses of varicella vaccine is recommended for students who receive the first dose on or after their 13th birthday.

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