

REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS

No child may be admitted to school or allowed to attend school in excess of 14 days without appropriate certification of immunization. New York State Public Health Law, Section 2164 mandates the following immunizations for school entrance:

Name of Immunization	Number of Required Doses
1. Diphtheria and Tetanus Toxoid and Pertussis Vaccine (DTaP/DTP/Tdap)	5 doses (4 doses if fourth dose received at 4 yrs. or older) (Grade 7 – 12 acceptable with 3 doses)
2. Polio (IPV/OPV)	4 doses (3 doses if third dose received at 4 yrs. or older) (Grade 5 and 11-12 acceptable with 3 doses)
3. Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR)	2 doses of measles, mumps and rubella
4. Hepatitis B	3 doses
5. Varicella (Chicken Pox)	2 doses (Grade 5 and 11-12 acceptable with 1 dose)
6. Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis Booster (Tdap)	1 dose (11 years or older or entering Gr. 6-12)
7. Meningococcal (MCV4)	1 dose (entering Grade 7-9) 2 doses (entering Grade 12) 1 dose acceptable if given at 16 yrs. or older

A student may be exempt from the required immunization if:

- a. A medical provider certifies that administering a vaccine is detrimental to the health of the student or;
- b. Documentation of serological evidence of immunity (blood test indicating immunity) from the student medical provider or in the specific case of varicella, documented proof that the student has either already had the disease or that the student is immune to it.
- c. A written, signed and notarized statement from the parent, parents or guardian of such child, stating that the parent, parents or guardian objects to their child's immunization due to sincere and genuine religious beliefs which prohibit the immunization of their child. In this case, the principal or person in charge may require supporting documents which include the following:
 1. Explanation as to why you are requesting the religious exemption.
 2. Description of the religious principles that guide the objection to immunization.
 3. Indication of whether there is opposition to all immunizations, or if only to a particular immunization, the religious basis that prohibits a particular immunization.
 4. A medical exemption with a written statement based on the valid contradiction to a specific vaccine. The statement must include the name and title of the health professional issuing the exemption, date and specific length of time the exemption is valid. The statement must be recorded on the cumulative health record with the source of proof seen plus the name and date of the recorder.
- d. No members of the District shall be responsible for student illness.