



Immunization Requirement for Students Entering Kindergarten in 2015

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Immunizations are an important part of our children’s health care, and South Carolina state law requires that children going to school be vaccinated to prevent vaccine-preventable disease, unless they are exempt. Please check with your health care provider as soon as possible to make sure that your child has all the needed immunizations. They are listed below.

Required Immunizations for Kindergarten

Immunization	Number of Doses
Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis	4 or 5
Polio	3 or 4
Measles/Mumps/Rubella	2
Hepatitis B	3
Varicella (Chickenpox)	2

**** (1) dose of DTap and Polio must be received on or after the 4th birthday.**

Please send proof of immunization to the school nurse where your child will be attending kindergarten.

All students are required by South Carolina law to provide documentation that includes month, day, and year the vaccine was administered. Doses documented on the immunization certificate must be VALID doses according to accepted practice standards for the minimum age(s) and intervals. If the child is exempt, the parent must provide valid proof of exemption.

Proof of immunization must be **any 1 of the 3** items listed below:

- An immunization certificate signed by your health care provider.
- Immunization registry report from your health care provider or health department.
- A blood test (titer) lab report that proves your child is immune to the diseases.

**For varicella (chickenpox), documentation from your health care provider which says your child had the disease is also acceptable.

Your help in providing updated immunization records at school registration and any time that your child receives additional vaccine(s) is greatly appreciated. If you have questions or concerns about immunizations, please contact the school nurse.

Please discuss your child’s vaccination needs with your child’s doctor or local public health agency. Please bring your child’s updated immunization records to the school each time your child receives an immunization.