



San Diego Unified School District

Fact Sheet

Immunization Requirements

State law requires that all students under age 18, Grades pre-Kindergarten through 12, be immunized against certain diseases unless they are exempt for medical reasons or because of personal beliefs. At the time of registration, the school is required to have proof that your child has received all currently due immunizations.

Immunizations that are required for school attendance are:

- **Polio** - four doses (any combination IPV or OPV); three doses are acceptable if the last dose was given on or after the fourth birthday for children ages 4-6 years. 3 doses meet requirement for ages 7-17 if at least one was given on or after the 2nd birthday.
- **DTP/DTaP** - (diphtheria, tetanus, and Pertussis before age 7) five doses; four doses meet the requirement for ages 4-6 years if at least one dose was given on or after age four.
- **Hib** - (Haemophilus influenza type b) is required of children under the age of four years, six months.
- **TD** - (tetanus, diphtheria age seven and up) — four doses, but three doses meet requirement for ages 7 - 17 if at least one dose was given on or after the second birthday.
- **MMR** - (measles, mumps, rubella) one dose given on or after the first birthday for children entering kindergarten prior to August 1, 1997. Two doses for all kindergarten entries and for first graders who did not attend kindergarten in California and/or did not receive their second MMR. A second dose of MMR is required for students entering grade 7. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends a second dose of MMR for all children.
- **Hepatitis B** - three doses for kindergarten entry and for first graders who did not attend kindergarten in California and/or receive their Hepatitis B series. Hepatitis B immunization is required for students entering grade 7.
- **Chicken pox** – One (1) dose for Kindergarten entry or proof of disease. Out of state entrants Grades 1-12 must also show proof of vaccination against chickenpox or documentation of disease. Two (2) doses are required for students on or after their 13th birthday.
- Please check with your pediatrician, family physician, or medical clinic to make sure your child is fully immunized. Your child may be excluded from school if these requirements are not met. Information on obtaining a permanent medical exemption or personal beliefs exemption for your student is available from the school nurse. School nurses may, with parental permission, immunize students.

SUMMARY

California requires all students under age 18, Grades pre-Kindergarten through 12, must be immunized against:

- ❖ **Polio**
- ❖ **Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis**
- ❖ **Haemophilus influenza type b**
- ❖ **Tetnus, Diphtheria**
- ❖ **Measles, Mumps, Rubella**
- ❖ **Chicken pox**