

2011-2012 Texas Minimum State Vaccine Requirements for Students Grades K-12



This chart summarizes the vaccine requirements incorporated in the Texas Administrative Code (TAC), Title 25 Health Services, Sections 97.61 to 97.72.

This chart is not intended as a substitute for consulting the TAC, which has other provisions and details. [Click here for complete TAC language.](#) The Department of State Health Services (DSHS) is granted authority to set immunization requirements by the Texas Education Code, Chapter 38, Health & Safety, Subchapter A, General Provisions.

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

A student shall show acceptable evidence of vaccination prior to entry, attendance, or transfer to a child-care facility or public or private elementary or secondary school in Texas.

Vaccine Required (Attention to notes and footnotes)	Minimum Number of Doses Required by Grade Level					NOTES
	K - 2 nd	3 rd - 6 th	7 th	8 th - 9 th	10 th - 12 th	
Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis (DTaP/DTP/DT/Td/Tdap) ¹	5 doses or 4 doses	5 doses or 4 doses	3 dose primary series and 1 Tdap/Td booster <i>within last 5 years</i>	3 dose primary series and 1 Tdap/Td booster <i>within last 10 years</i>		5 doses of diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis vaccine; one dose must have been received on or after the 4 th birthday. However, 4 doses meet the requirement if the 4 th dose was received on or after the 4 th birthday. For students aged 7 years and older, 3 doses meet the requirement if one dose was received on or after the 4 th birthday. For 7th grade: 1 dose of Tdap is required if at least 5 years have passed since the last dose of tetanus-containing vaccine. For 8th- 12th grade: 1 dose of Tdap is required when 10 years have passed since the last dose of tetanus-diphtheria-containing vaccine. Td is acceptable in place of Tdap if a medical contraindication to pertussis exists.
Polio ¹	4 doses or 3 doses	4 doses or 3 doses	4 doses or 3 doses	4 doses or 3 doses	4 doses or 3 doses	4 doses of polio; one dose must be received on or after the 4 th birthday. However, 3 doses meet the requirement if the 3 rd dose was received on or after the 4 th birthday.
Measles, Mumps, and Rubella ^{1,2} (MMR)	2 doses	2 doses	2 doses		2 doses	The first dose of MMR must be received on or after the 1 st birthday. For K - 2nd grade, 2 doses of MMR are required. For 3rd - 12th grade, 2 doses of a measles-containing vaccine, and one dose each of rubella and mumps vaccine is required.
Hepatitis B ²	3 doses	3 doses	3 doses	3 doses	3 doses	For students aged 11-15 years, 2 doses meet the requirement if adult hepatitis B vaccine (Recombivax) was received. Dosage and type of vaccine must be clearly documented. (Two 10 mcg/1.0 ml of Recombivax).
Varicella ^{1,2,3}	2 doses	1 dose	2 doses		1 dose	The first dose of varicella must be received on or after the first birthday. For grades K - 2nd and 7th - 9th 2 doses are required. 1 dose is required for all other grade levels. For any student who receives the first dose on or after 13 years of age, 2 doses are required.
Meningococcal			1 dose			
Hepatitis A ^{1,2}	2 doses					The first dose of hepatitis A must be received on or after the first birthday.

¹ Receipt of the dose up to (and including) 4 days before the birthday will satisfy the school entry immunization requirement.

² Serologic confirmation of immunity to measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B, hepatitis A, or varicella or serologic evidence of infection is acceptable in place of vaccine.

³ Previous illness may be documented with a written statement from a physician, school nurse, or the child's parent or guardian containing wording such as: "This is to verify that (name of student) had varicella disease (chickenpox) on or about (date) and does not need varicella vaccine." This written statement will be acceptable in place of any and all varicella vaccine doses required.