

**KANSAS SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENT (Kindergarten-12th Grade)
2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR**

Inoculations

Unless provided otherwise herein, all students enrolling in any district school shall provide the building principal with proof of immunization of certain diseases or furnish documents to satisfy statutory requirements. Booster shots mandated by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Environment are also required.

Notice of this policy and the applicable state law shall be distributed to parents or guardians of current and prospective district students on or before May 15th of each school year. The superintendent shall issue a news release each August explaining the required inoculations and booster shots. Parents may delegate in writing their authority to consent to immunizations. At the beginning of a school year, school boards shall provide information on immunizations applicable to school-age children to parents and guardians of students in grades six through 12. The information on immunizations shall include:

- (1) a list of sources for additional information; and
- (2) related standards issued by the National Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Students who fail to provide the documentation required by law may be excluded from school by the superintendent until statutory requirements are satisfied. Notice of exclusion shall be given to the parents/guardians as prescribed by law. Students who are not immunized against a particular disease(es) may be excluded from school during any outbreak.

The above requirements are not to serve as barriers to immediate enrollment of students designated as homeless or foster children as required by The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and the McKinney-Vento Act as amended by ESSA. The district shall work with the Department for Children and Families, the school last attended, or other relevant agencies to obtain necessary documentation of inoculations.

Each principal shall forward evidence of compliance with the inoculation law to other schools or school districts when requested by the school or by the student's parents/guardians and shall work cooperatively with local, county, and state health agencies to disseminate materials related to the availability of inoculations.

The following immunizations are required:

- **Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP):** Five doses required. Doses given at: Dose 1: 2 months, Dose 2: 4 months, Dose 3: 6 months, Dose 4: 15-18 months (fourth dose may be given at 12 months provided at least 6 months after dose 3) and Dose 5: prior to kindergarten entry. Four doses are acceptable if dose 4 is given after age 4 years. A single dose of Tdap is required at grades 7-12 if no previous history of Tdap vaccination regardless of interval since the last Td.
- **Poliomyelitis (IPV/OPV):** Four doses required. Dose 1: 2 months, Dose 2: 4 months, Dose 3: 6-18 months, and dose 4 must be given 6 months after third dose, after 4 years of age and prior to kindergarten entry. Three doses are acceptable with one dose after 4 years of age, 6 months between second and third dose and final dose prior to kindergarten entry. Students enrolled in Grades 8-12 with a complete minimum interval Polio series do not need to be recalled for additional doses.
- **Measles, Mumps, and Rubella:** Two doses required. Dose 1: 12-15 months and Dose 2: prior to kindergarten entry. Minimum age is 12 months of age and interval between doses may be as short as 28 days.
- **Hepatitis B:** Three doses required. Dose 1 given at birth, Dose 2: 2 months, and Dose 3: 6-18 months of age.
- **Varicella (chickenpox):** Two doses are required. Dose 1: 12-15 months and Dose 2 prior to kindergarten entry. Students 12 years old and younger a 3-month interval is recommended; however, upon record review the interval between doses may be as short as 28 days for the second dose to be counted as valid. Students 13 years and older, a 28-day interval between doses is required. Please note that regardless of students' age, if first dose is at 12 months of age with second dose 28 days after first dose, both doses are valid. No doses are required when student has history of varicella disease documented by a licensed physician.

In addition to the immunizations required for school entry, the following vaccines are recommended to protect students:

- **Meningococcal (MCV4):** One dose recommended at 11 years of age with a booster dose at 16 years of age.
- **Human Papillomavirus (HPV):** Two doses recommended at 11 years of age.
- **Influenza:** Annual vaccination recommended for all ages > 6 months of age. Number of doses is dependent on age and number of doses given in previous years.

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