

Department of Defense Education Activity
Immunization Requirements
School Year 2015/16

Students who enroll in Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) schools are required to meet specific immunization requirements. These requirements represent the minimum requirements and do not necessarily reflect the optimal immunization status for students. This copy of *DoDEA Immunization Requirements* is provided to parents for informational purposes only. Official proof of immunization (i.e., copy of child's immunization/shot record) must be provided to school officials at the time of initial registration and upon request of school officials to verify immunization compliance.

The immunizations noted below are for students who are age five years old and older. For students who are under the age of five years, immunization compliance is based on the age-appropriate immunization schedule established by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP). Information on immunizations and dosage scheduling provided by ACIP can be found at <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/easy-to-read/index.html>, the American Academy of Pediatrics located at <http://aap.org>, and the American Academy of Family Physicians located at <http://aafp.org>.

IMMUNIZATION	MINIMUM DODEA REQUIREMENT FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
+ Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis DTaP, DT Tdap	* DTaP or DT series completed or on schedule for completion. If the fourth dose of DTaP or DT was administered before the fourth birthday, a booster (fifth) dose is required for initial school entry. * Tdap required at age 11 years old.
+ Hepatitis A	* Series completed prior to initial entry into school or on schedule for completion.
+ Hepatitis B	* Series completed prior to initial entry into school or on schedule for completion.
+ Measles, Mumps, Rubella	* Series completed prior to initial entry into school or on schedule for completion.
Meningococcal	* Series initiated at age 11 years. Booster at age 16 years.
+ Polio	* Series completed or on schedule for completion. If the fourth dose of polio was administered before the fourth birthday, an additional dose is required for initial school entry.
+ Varicella	* Series completed prior to initial entry into school or on schedule for completion.
Tuberculosis	Routine testing is no longer necessary unless risk factors are identified as determined by local medical command.
Influenza	Requirement determined by local medical command.

+ May be administered in additional combination vaccines.

* Series dose spacing based on immunization schedule for persons aged 4 through 18 years.

As of July 2010, DoDEA aligned with the immunization guidance prescribed by the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children. As a result, provision has been made to permit students transferring to a new location up to 30 calendar days after enrollment to obtain any immunization(s) required by the receiving state. For a series of immunizations, initial vaccination must be obtained within 30 days of initial enrollment.