New York State Immunization Requirements for School Entrance/Attendance¹

Vaccines	Pre-Kindergarten (Day Care, Nursery, Head Start, or Pre-K) ²	School (K-12)
Diphtheria Toxoid-Containing Vaccine	4 doses (New York City Schools – 4 doses) ³	3 doses (New York City Schools – 4 doses required for Kindergarten only)
Tetanus Toxoid-Containing Vaccine and Pertussis Vaccine (DTaP, DTP)4	4 doses	(K-5 th grade)- 5 doses or 4 doses (if the 4 th dose was received at 4 years of age or older) or 3 doses (if aged 7 years or older and the series was started at 1 year of age or older). (6 th grade-12 th grade)-3 doses
Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis Booster (Tdap)	Not applicable	6 th grade-12 th grade- 1 dose
Polio (IPV or OPV)	3 doses	(K-2 nd grade)-4 doses or 3 doses (if third dose was received at 4 years of age or older). (3 rd -5 th grade)- 3 doses (6 th -8 th grade)- 4 doses or 3 doses (if third dose was received at 4 years of age or older). (9 th -12 th grade)- 3 doses
Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) ⁶	1 dose	2 doses of measles-containing vaccine and 1 ease of mumps and rubella (preferably as MMR)
Hepatitis B	3 doses	3 doses ⁷
Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib)	1-4 doses	Not applicable
Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV)	1-4 doses	Not applicable

Meningococcal conjugate vaccine	Not applicable	By grade 7: 1 dose
(MenACWY) ⁸		Grade 12: 2 doses or 1 dose (if
		the dose was received at 16
		years or older)
Varicella (Chickenpox) ⁷	1 dose	(K-2 nd grade)- 2 dose
		(3 rd -5 th grade)- 1 dose
		(6 th -8 th grade)- 2 dose
		(9 th -12 th grade)- 1 dose

¹ Demonstrated serologic evidence of either measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B, or varicella antibodies is acceptable proof of immunity to these diseases. Diagnosis by a physician assistant or nurse practitioner that a child/student has had measles, mumps, or varicella diseases is acceptable proof of immunity to those diseases.

- 2 Diphtheria and tetanus toxoids and acellular pertussis (DTaP) vaccine. (Minimum age: 6 weeks).
 - a) Children starting the series on time should receive a 5-dose series of DTaP vaccine at ages 2, 4, 6 months and at 15 through 18 months and at 4 years of age or older. The fourth dose may be received as early as 12 months, provided at least 6 months have elapsed since the third dose. However, the fourth dose of DTaP need not to be repeated if it was administered at least 4 months after the third dose of DTaP. The final dose in the series must be received on or after the 4th birthday.
 - b) If the fourth dose of DTaP was administered at age 4 year or older, the fifth (booster) dose of DTaP vaccine is not required.
 - c) For children born before 1/1/2005, only immunity to diphtheria is required and doses of DT and Td can meet this requirement.
- 3 Tetanus and diphtheria toxoids and acellular pertussis (Tdap) vaccine. (Minimum age: 7 years).
 - a) Students 11 years or older entering grades 6 through 12 are required to have on dose of Tdap. A dose received at 7 years of age or older will meet requirement.
 - b) Students who are 10 years old in grade 6 and who have not yet received a tdap vaccine are in compliance until they turn 11.
- 4 Poliovirus vaccine (IPV/OPV). (Minimum age: 6 weeks).
 - a) Children starting their series on time should receive a series of IPV at ages 2, 4, 6 through 18 months and 4 years of age or older. The final dose in the series must be received on or after the fourth birthday and at least 6 months after the previous dose.
 - b) For students who received their fourth dose before age 4 and prior to August 7, 2010. 4 doses separated by at least 4 weeks is sufficient.
 - c) If the third dose of the polio vaccine was received at 4 years or older and at least 6 months after the previous dose, the fourth dose of polio vaccine is not required.

Measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine (Minimum age: 12 months).

a) The first dose of MMR vaccine must have been received on or after the first birthday. The second dose must have been received at least 28 days (4 weeks) after the first dose to be considered valid.

- b) Students in grade kindergarten through 12 must have received 2 doses of measles-containing vaccine, 2 doses of mumps-containing vaccine and at least 1 dose of rubella-containing vaccine.
- c) One dose of MMR is required for prekindergarten.
- Hepatitis B vaccine. A) Dose 1 may be given at birth or anytime thereafter. Dose 2 must be given at least 4 weeks (28 days) after dose 1. Dose 3 must be at least 8 weeks after dose 2 AND at least 16 weeks after dose 1 AND no earlier than 24 weeks of age. B) Two doses of adult hepatitis B vaccine(Recombivax) received at least 4 months apart at age 11 through 15 years will meet the requirement.

⁷ Varicella (chickenpox) - The first dose of Varicella must have been received on or after the first birthday. The second dose must have been received at least 28 days (4 weeks) after the first dose to be considered valid.

- 8 Meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MenACWY). (Minimum age: 6 weeks).
- a) One dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (Menactra or Menevo) is required for students entering grade 7.
- b) For students in grade 12, if the first dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine was received at age 16 years or older, the second (booster) dose is not required.
- 9 Hemophilus influenza type b (Hib) conjugate vaccine. (Minimum age: 6 weeks).
 - a) Children starting the series on time should receive Hib vaccine at 2, 4, 6 months and 12 through 15 months. Children older than 15 months must get caught up according to the ACIP catch-up schedule. The final dose must be received on or after 12 months of age.
 - b) If 2 doses of vaccine were received before 12 months of age, only 3 doses are required with dose 3 at 12 through 15 months of age and at least 8 weeks after dose 2.
 - c) If dose 1 was received at ages 12 through 14 months of age, only 2 dose are required with dose 2 at least 8 weeks after dose 1.
 - d) If dose 1 was received at 15 months of age or older, only 1 dose is required.
 - e) Hib vaccine is not required for children 5 years of age or older.

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Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV) (Minimum age: 6 weeks).

- a) Unvaccinated children 7-11 months of age should receive 2 doses, at least 4 weeks apart, followed by a 3rd dose at age 12-15 months. Unvaccinated children 12-23 months of age should receive 2 doses of vaccine at least 8 weeks apart. Previously unvaccinated children 24-59 months of age should receive only 1 dose.
- b) Unvaccinated children 12 through 23 months of age are required to receive 2 doses of vaccine at least 8 weeks apart.
- c) If one does was received at 24 months of age or older, no further doses are required.

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