



2015-2016 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 – 6 th	7 th	8 th – 12 th		
Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis (DTaP/DTP/DT/Td/Tdap) ¹	5 doses or 4 doses	3 dose primary series and 1 Tdap/Td booster within last 5 years	3 dose primary series and 1 Tdap/Td booster within last 10 years	For K – 6 th grade: 5 doses of diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis vaccine; 1 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 1 dose was received on or after the 4 th birthday. For 7 th grade: 1 dose of Tdap is required if at least 5 years have passed since the last dose of tetanus-containing vaccine. For 8 th – 12 th grade: 1 dose of Tdap is required when 10 years have passed since the last dose of tetanus-containing vaccine. Td is acceptable in place of Tdap if a medical contraindication to pertussis exists.	
Polio ¹	4 doses or 3 doses			For K – 12 th grade: 4 doses of polio; 1 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 of MMR	2 doses of measles and 1 dose each of rubella and mumps vaccine		The 1 st dose of MMR must be received on or after the 1 st birthday. For K – 6 th grade: 2 doses of MMR are required.	
Hepatitis B ²	3 doses			For students aged 11 – 15 years, 2 doses meet the requirement if adult hepatitis B vaccine (Recombivax [®]) was received. Dosage (10 mcg/1.0 mL) and type of vaccine (Recombivax [®]) must be clearly documented. If Recombivax [®] was not the vaccine received, a 3-dose series is required.	
Varicella ^{1,2,3}	2 doses			The 1 st dose of varicella must be received on or after the 1 st birthday. For K – 12 th grade: 2 doses are required.	
Meningococcal ¹		1 dose		For 7 th – 12 th grade, 1 dose of meningococcal vaccine is required upon enrollment. For students 11 – 12 years of age entering 7 th grade, 1 dose of meningococcal vaccine is required.	
Hepatitis A ^{1,2}	2 doses				The 1 st dose of hepatitis A must be received on or after the 1 st birthday. For K – 6 th grade: 2 doses are required. Special note: a child will not be considered delinquent in this series until 18 months have elapsed since receiving the 1 st dose.

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

² Serologic evidence of infection or serologic confirmation of immunity to measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B, hepatitis A, or varicella 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.

Exemptions

Texas law allows (a) physicians to write medical exemption statements that the vaccine(s) required would be medically harmful or injurious to the health and well-being of the child or household member, and (b) parents/guardians to choose an exemption from immunization requirements for reasons of conscience, including a religious belief. The law does not allow parents/guardians to elect an exemption simply because of inconvenience (for example, a record is lost or incomplete and it is too much trouble to go to a physician or clinic to correct the problem). Schools and child-care facilities should maintain an up-to-date list of students with exemptions, so they may be excluded in times of emergency or epidemic declared by the commissioner of public health.

Instructions for requesting the official exemption affidavit that must be signed by parents/guardians choosing the exemption for reasons of conscience, including a religious belief, can be found at www.ImmunizeTexas.com under "School & Child-Care." Original Exemption Affidavit must be completed and submitted to the school or child-care facility.

For children claiming medical exemptions, a written statement by the physician must be submitted to the school or child-care facility. Unless it is written in the statement that a lifelong condition exists, the exemption statement is valid for only one year from the date signed by the physician.

Provisional Enrollment

All immunizations should be completed by the first date of attendance. The law requires that students be fully vaccinated against the specified diseases. A student may be enrolled provisionally if the student has an immunization record that indicates the student has received at least one dose of each specified age-appropriate vaccine required by this rule. To remain enrolled, the student must complete the required subsequent doses in each vaccine series on schedule and as rapidly as is medically feasible and provide acceptable evidence of vaccination to the school. A school nurse or school administrator shall review the immunization status of a provisionally enrolled student every 30 days to ensure continued compliance in completing the required doses of vaccination. If, at the end of the 30-day period, a student has not received a subsequent dose of vaccine, the student is not in compliance and the school shall exclude the student from school attendance until the required dose is administered.

Additional guidelines for provisional enrollment of students transferring from one Texas public or private school to another, students who are dependents of active duty military, and students who are homeless can be found in the TAC, Title 25 Health Services, Sections 97.66 and 97.69.

Documentation

Since many types of personal immunization records are in use, any document will be acceptable provided a physician or public health personnel has validated it. The month, day, and year that the vaccination was received must be recorded on all school immunization records created or updated after September 1, 1991.

- 4 Pencils
- 1 box Quart Size Ziploc Bags
- 4 boxes Kleenex
- 1 set Water Colors
- 1 package of Index Cards
- 2 large Disinfectant Wipes
- 1 set of extra clothes
- 1 old large shirt that can be used for painting

Kindergarten

- 3 boxes Crayola Brand crayons (no more than 24)
- 8 Glue Sticks
- 6 regular Yellow #2 Pencils
- 2 Composition Notebooks
- 1 Small Plastic School Box
- 3 large boxes Kleenex
- 2 sturdy, slick plastic Pocket folders (no brads)
- 2 large Pink Erasers
- 3 packages 3x5 Index Cards
- 1 box Quart Size Bags
- Towel for rest time (no vinyl mats)
- Backpack
- 1 set of extra clothes
- *Initial each eraser and crayon and leave crayons in the original box
- *Do not initial pencils or glue sticks

1st Grade

- 2 packages of pencil top erasers
- 2 Red Plastic Folders with brads and pockets
- 1 Orange folder with brads
- 2 Black Marble Composition Notebooks (100 sheets-Wide Ruled)
- 1 box Crayola Washable Markers
- 3 boxes Kleenex
- 2 boxes Crayola Crayons at least 24 count
- 1 package Ticonderoga yellow pencils 24 count
- 2 Glue Sticks
- 2-1 1/4 oz. bottle Elmer's Glue
- 1 box Ziploc bags (Girls-Gallon size)(Boys-Quart size)
- 1 Clipboard
- 1 Backpack-NO WHEELS
- * PLEASE DO NOT LABEL THE SUPPLIES!

2nd Grade

- 2 packages (24 count) #2 yellow pencils
- 2 Composition Notebooks (100 sheets-Wide Ruled)
- 2 Red Plastic Folders with Pockets and Brads
- 1 box of Crayons (doesn't matter how many)
- 1 box of Map Colors
- 3 glue sticks
- 1 large Zipper Pencil Pouch (no boxes)
- 2 Pink Erasers
- 1 Backpack (NO WHEELS)
- 1 Clipboard
- 2 boxes Kleenex
- 1 large container of Clorox Disinfecting wipes

3rd Grade

- 1-1"3 ring binder (Black)
- 1-1"3 ring binder (any color or design)
- 2 pocket folders
- #2 Pencils (at least 30 count)
- Crayons
- Markers
- Scissors
- Glue Stick
- Highlighter
- Box to keep supplies in
- 12 oz. bottle hand sanitizer
- 3 boxes Kleenex
- Disinfecting wipes

4th, 5th, and 6th Grade

*Students will need to purchase 3 sets of these items. Each set will be left in a

- classroom with their child's name on them.
- * Map pencils
- * Crayons
- * Markers
- * Scissors
- * Liquid glue

4th Grade

- Homeroom-(Burns)**
- 1 school box (no bag)
- 48 pencils
- 1 package multicolored copy paper
- 3 large tubs of disinfectant wipes
- 3 boxes Kleenex
- Pocket folder with brads (homework)
- 1 package sharpies
- 1 package Expo markers
- ELA-(Burns)**
- 1"3 ring binder
- Composition notebook
- 3x5 index cards
- Science-(Avants)
- Composition notebook
- 1"3 ring binder
- 3x5 index cards

ELA/Reading-(Burns)

- 1-1"3 ring binder
- Composition notebook
- Folder with pockets
- 3x5 index cards
- Science-(Avants)
- Composition notebook
- 1"3 ring binder
- 3x5 index cards

Math-(White)

- 1-2"3 ring binder
- Pocket folder
- Social Studies-(White)
- Pocket folder
- 5th Grade**
- Homeroom-(White)**
- 1 school box (no bag)
- 48 pencils
- 1 package multicolored copy paper
- 3 large tubs disinfectant wipes
- 3 boxes Kleenex
- Pocket folder with brads (homework)
- 1 package sharpies
- 1 package Expo markers
- ELA-(Burns)**
- 1"3 ring binder
- Composition notebook
- 3x5 index cards
- Reading-(White)
- Pocket folder
- Composition notebook
- 2-3x5 index cards
- Math-(White)**
- 2"3 ring binder
- Pocket folder
- Social Studies-(White)
- Pocket folder

6th Grade

- Homeroom-(Avants)**
- 1 school box (no bag)
- 48 pencils
- 1 package multicolored copy paper
- 3 large tubs of disinfectant wipes
- 3 boxes Kleenex
- Pocket folder with brads (homework)
- 1 package sharpies
- 1 package Expo markers
- ELA/Reading-(Burns)**

- 1"3 ring binder
- 3x5 index cards
- Composition notebook
- Math-(Avants)**
- 2"3 ring binder
- Folder with pockets
- Deck of cards
- Science-(Avants)**
- Composition notebook
- Folder with pockets
- Black or blue pens
- Social Studies-(Avants)**
- Folder with pockets

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