

# IMMUNIZATION RECORDS

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Immunization records must be certified by a doctor or public health official and include the month, day and year of the immunization.

- DPT/DTAP or D/T OR TD - Five doses of any combination DTaP/DTP unless 4<sup>th</sup> dose as given on or after 4<sup>th</sup> birthday. **Students 7 years or older:** Three doses of any combination DTP/DTaP/DT/Td vaccine (pertussis vaccine is not required.). One dose of Td required ten years after last dose of DTP/DTaP/DT.
- **Polio- Four doses unless the 3<sup>rd</sup> dose was on or after 4<sup>th</sup> birthday**
- Measles, Mumps, Rubella - Two doses of a measles-containing vaccine with the first dose on or after the first birthday; second dose by age 5 or entry into kindergarten.
- Hepatitis A<sup>2,5</sup> - Two doses on or after 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday<sup>5</sup> for grades K-3 only.
- Hepatitis B<sup>2,3</sup> - Three doses are required for the following grades in the following school years:
  - 2004-05 K - 5 and 7 - 10
  - 2005-06 K - 11
  - 2006-07 K - 12
- Varicella<sup>2,4</sup> (Chickenpox) - One dose on or after 1<sup>st</sup> birthday for the following grades:
  - 2004-05 K - 4 and 7 - 10
  - 2005-06 K - 5 and 7 - 11
  - 2006-07 K - 12(Two doses if vaccine given at 13 years of age or older.)
- **TB Skin Test - All students entering the District for the first time in any grade shall provide evidence of having received a Tuberculosis skin test (with results) within the past 12 months.**

If a student should not be immunized for medical reasons, the student or parent must present a certificate signed by a U.S. licensed physician stating that, in the doctor's opinion, the immunization required poses a significant risk to the health and well-being of the student or any member of the student's family or household. This certificate must be renewed yearly unless the physician specifies a life-long condition. [For further information, see policy FFAB.]

HB 2292 amended Education Code 38.001 in a manner changing the standard for an exemption for religious beliefs that were based on beliefs and practices of a recognized church of which the student is a member to "reasons of conscience, including a religious belief"—a more subjective standard. In order to qualify under this standard, a parent must use only an official proper form obtained in writing (after September 1, 2003) from the Texas Department of Health, Immunization Division, 1100 West 49th Street, Austin, TX 78756. The form must be notarized and submitted to the principal or nurse within 90 days of notarization. Each child in the family must have a separate form.

**This information should be provided to all principals, nurses, and other staff who handle enrollment and immunization issues.**