

Minimum Immunizations Required for School Entry for Kindergarten students and Transfer students in South Dakota

1. Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus vaccine– 4 or more doses.

Four or more doses of diphtheria, pertussis and tetanus containing vaccine, with at least one dose administered on or after age 4. Children 7 years and older needing the primary series only need three doses, with at least 6 months between dose two and three. If the child is 11 or older, the first dose of the primary series should be Tdap and the second and third doses should be Td, with at least 6 months between dose two and three. Children receiving six doses before age 4 do not require any additional doses for school requirements. The maximum a child should receive is six doses.

2. Polio vaccine – 4 or more doses.

Four or more doses of poliovirus vaccine, at least one dose on or after age 4; if four doses are administered prior to age 4 years, a fifth dose should be administered after age 4.

3. Measles, Mumps, and Rubella Vaccine – 2 doses.

Two doses of a measles, mumps, and rubella vaccine (MMR) or submit serological evidence of immunity. Minimum age for the first dose is 12 months. Administer the second dose routinely at age 4 through 6 years. The second dose may be administered prior to age 4 provided at least 28 days have elapsed since the first dose.

4. Varicella Vaccine –

2 doses of varicella vaccine. The minimum age for the first dose of varicella vaccine is 12 months. Administer the 2nd dose at age 4-6 years of age. The minimum interval between the two doses is three months. History of disease is acceptable with parent or guardian signature on the South Dakota Certificate of Immunization form. These forms are available at your school's office.

NOTE: *Haemophilus Influenzae B*, Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, and Pneumococcal vaccines are recommended but not required.

Requirements for 6th grade entry:

One dose of Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis) and one dose of MCV4 (meningococcal vaccine) on or after their 11th birthday. If your 6th grade student is not 11 years old by the first day of school, this requirement is deferred until after their 11th birthday.

The SD Department of Health requires that all immunizations are current for students to attend school, so failure to update vaccinations can result in your student not being able to attend classes. Please contact the school nurse with any questions regarding immunization requirements at 605-647-2203, ext. 4307.