Immunization Requirements for the 2026 - 2027 School Year

K.A.R. 28-1-20 defines immunizations required for any individual who attends school or a childcare program operated by a school. Below are the requirements for the indicated school year. Please carefully review the requirements. The usual number of doses required are listed; however there are exceptional circumstances that could alter the number of doses a child needs. If you have questions about your child's immunization status, contact your child's primary care provider or local health department.

Proof of receiving the required immunizations must be provided to the school prior to the student attending the first day of school.



Early Childhood Program Operated by a School Ages 4 Years and Under

Vaccine	Requirement
DTaP/DT (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis)	4 doses
IPV (polio)	3 doses
MMR (measles, mumps, rubella)	1 dose
Varicella (chickenpox)	1 dose*
Hepatitis A	2 doses
Hepatitis B	3 doses
Hib (haemophilus influenza type B)	3-4 doses**
PCV (pneumococcal conjugate)	4 doses**

KDG - Grade 6

Vaccine	Requirement
DTaP/DT (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis)	5 doses
IPV (polio)	4 doses***
MMR (measles, mumps, rubella)	2 doses
Varicella (chickenpox)	2 doses*
Hepatitis A	2 doses
Hepatitis B	3 doses

Grade 7 - 10

Vaccine	Requirement
Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis)	1 dose~
IPV (polio)	4 doses***
MMR (measles, mumps, rubella)	2 doses
Varicella (chickenpox)	2 doses*
Hepatitis A	2 doses
Hepatitis B	3 doses
Meningococcal (MenACWY)	1 dose

Grades 11 & 12

Vaccine	Requirement
Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis)	1 dose~
IPV (polio)	4 doses***
MMR (measles, mumps, rubella)	2 doses
Varicella (chickenpox)	2 doses*
Hepatitis A	2 doses
Hepatitis B	3 doses
Meningococcal (MenACWY)	1-2 doses See below:

Meningococcal (MenACWY) Vaccine:
The 1st dose is due at entry to 7th grade at 11-12 years of age. The 2nd dose is due at entry to 11th grade at 16-18 years of age. Any 11th grader who is not yet 16 years old, should wait until their 16th birthday to receive the dose. Those 16-18 year olds with no previous MenACWY vacine, only one dose is required.

Notes

* Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine is not required if child has had disease **and** disease is documented by physician signature. Without a physician signature, vaccine is still required even if you believe your child has had chickenpox disease.

** Total doses needed depend on vaccine type and child's age when doses were administered.

*** Three doses are acceptable if the 3rd dose was given after 4 years of age, and there are at least 6 months between the second and third doses.

~ All students in grades 7-12 must have one dose of Tdap regardless of the interval since the last dose of DTaP or Td.

Additional RECOMMENDED Vaccines - Not Required for School Entry

HPV (Human Papillomavirus) Vaccine:
2 doses recommended at 9 to 12 years of age - See below:
2 doses needed if series is started at 11-14 years
3 doses needed if series is started at 15 years or older

Influenza (Flu) Vaccine:
Annual vaccine recommended for everyone 6 months of age and older

Provided by the Jefferson County Health Department

Created from the following documents located on the kdheks.gov website:
Kansas School Kindergarten Through Grade 12 Immunization Requirements for 2026-2027 School Year, and
Licensed Child Care Facilities And Early Childhood Programs Operated By School Immunization Requirements for 2026-2027 School Year

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KANSAS SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 12 IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR 2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

Immunization requirements and recommendations for the 2026-2027 school year are based on the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) recommendations, including the current recommended and minimum interval immunization schedules and the catch-up schedule if a child falls behind. To avoid missed opportunities, immunization providers may use a four-day grace period, in most instances, per age and interval between doses. In such cases, these doses may be counted as valid.

K.S.A. 72 - 6261 et seq. and K.A.R. 28-1-20 specify the immunizations required for school and early childhood program attendance. Vaccines continue to be a safe and effective tool for preventing serious infectious diseases, and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment encourages anyone with questions to talk to their healthcare provider.

- **Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP/Tdap):** Five doses required. Doses should be given at 2 months, 4 months, 6 months, 15 to 18 months, and 4 to 6 years (prior to kindergarten entry). The fourth dose may be given as early as 12 months of age, if at least 6 months have elapsed since dose 3. The fifth dose is not necessary if the fourth dose was administered at age 4 years or older. A dose of **Tdap** is required at entry to seventh grade (11 to 12 years).

- **Hepatitis A (Hep A):** Two doses required. Doses should be given at 12 to 23 months with a minimum interval of 6 months between the first and second dose.

- **Hepatitis B (Hep B):** Three doses required. Doses should be given at birth, 1 to 2 months, and 6 to 18 months. Minimum age for the final dose is 24 weeks.

- **Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR):** Two doses required. Doses should be given at 12 to 15 months and 4 to 6 years (prior to kindergarten entry). Minimum age is 12 months and interval between doses may be as short as 28 days.

- **Meningococcal-Serogroup A,C,W,Y (MenACWY):** Two doses required. Doses should be given at entry to seventh grade (11 to 12 years) and eleventh grade (16 to 18 years). Eleventh graders who are not yet 16 years of age should wait to receive the dose until they are 16 years of age. For children 16 to 18 years, with no previous MenACWY, only one dose is required.

- **Poliomyelitis (IPV/tOPV):** Four doses required. Doses should be given at 2 months, 4 months, 6 to 18 months, and 4 to 6 years (prior to kindergarten entry). Three doses are acceptable if third dose was given after 4 years of age **and** at least 6 months have elapsed since dose 2.

- **Varicella (Chickenpox):** Two doses are required. Doses should be given at 12 to 15 months and 4 to 6 years (prior to kindergarten entry). The second dose may be administered as early as 3 months after the first dose; however, a dose administered after a four-week interval is considered valid. No doses are required when student has history of varicella disease documented by a licensed physician.

Legal alternatives to school vaccination requirements are found in K.S.A. 72-6262. In addition to the immunizations required for school entry, the following vaccines are recommended:

- **Human Papillomavirus (HPV):** Two doses *recommended* at 9 to 12 years of age or three doses if the series is started after 15 years.
- **Influenza:** Annual vaccination *recommended* for all ages ≥ 6 months of age.

Vaccination efforts by school and public health officials, immunization providers, and parents are key to the success of protecting our children and communities from vaccine preventable diseases. Thank you for your dedication.

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