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HEALTH/IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS	PRE-K (PEEP, ECC)	KINDERGARTEN-GRADE 5	GRADES 6-11	GRADE 12
Physical Exam (If physical is provided for a GCPS Pre-K program, another is not required to enter elementary school)	**1 Exam:** Performed within 12 months of initial entry	**1 Exam:** Performed within 12 months of first entry to school in any school division		
Haemophilus influenza type b (Hib)	**1 to 4 doses**			
Pneumococcal conjugate (PCV)	**1 to 4 doses**			
Hepatitis A (Hep A)	**2 doses**	**2 doses**		
Hepatitis B (Hep B)	**3 doses**	**3 doses**	**3 doses**	**3 doses**
Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR)	**1 dose**	**2 doses**	**2 doses**	**2 doses**
Varicella (Chickenpox)	**1 dose**	**2 doses**	**2 doses**	**2 doses**
Polio (IPV/OPV)	**3-4 doses**	**4 doses** (4^{th} dose on or after 4^{th} birthday) **or 3 doses** if dose 3 given on or after 4^{th} birthday AND at least 6 months after dose 2		
Diptheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP)	**3-4 doses**	**4 doses** (4^{th} dose on or after 4^{th} birthday) ***If 7 years or older: 3 doses** if dose 1 given on or after 1^{st} birthday AND dose 3 given at age 7 or older and at least 6 months after dose 2		
Tetanus, Diptheria, and Pertussis Booster (Tdap)			**Grades 7 through 12: 1 dose**	
Meningococcal conjugate (MenACWY, MCV4)			**Grades 7 through 11: 1 dose** **Grade 12: 2 doses** (2^{nd} dose on or after 16^{th} birthday)	
Human Papillomavirus (HPV)			**Grade 7: 2 doses** (1 dose before entry)	

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Physical: *Pre-K:* A report of a physical examination performed within 12 months of the first day of school is required to enroll regardless of birth month. Students who attend a GCPS Pre-K program and provide a physical exam are not required to provide another upon entry to K.
K-5th grade: **Students being admitted to GCPS for the first time are required to provide a report of a physical examination performed within 12 months of the date the student first entered school in any school division.** Out of state physical exams are acceptable if the information provided is comprehensive and inclusive of Virginia requirements.

Haemophilus Influenzae Type b (Hib): Required ONLY for children up to 60 months of age. A primary series consists of 2 or 3 doses. The child's age and not the number of prior doses received determine the number of doses required. Unvaccinated children 15 to 60 months are only required to have one dose.

Pneumococcal (PCV): Required ONLY for children less than 60 months of age. One to four doses, dependent on age at first dose, are required.

Hepatitis A (Hep A): *Pre-K through grade 5:* Minimum of 2 doses. The first dose given at age 12 months or older with at least 6 months between doses 1 and 2.

Hepatitis B (Hep B): 3 properly spaced doses (28 days between doses 1 and 2, 56 days between doses 2 and 3, 112 days between doses 1 and 3, and dose 3 must be given no earlier than 24 weeks of age). If 11-15 years of age AND Recombivax HB Adult Formulation is used, 2-dose schedule is acceptable with 4 months between doses.

Measles, Mumps, & Rubella (MMR): Minimum of 2 measles, 2 mumps, and 1 rubella. (Most children receive 2 doses of each as the vaccine usually given is the combination vaccine MMR). First dose must be given at age 12 months or older. *Pre-K:* 1 dose required. *K-12:* 2 doses, minimum of 4 weeks between doses.

Varicella (Chickenpox): *Pre-K*: 1 dose given at age 12 months or older. *K-12:* 2 doses with first dose at 12 months or older. Parental Report of Disease: All of the following must be reported: 1. Acute onset of the illness. 2. Maculopapulovesicular rash without other apparent cause. 3. Generalized and itchy rash with most lesions on the trunk. 4. Lesions crusted over. If all 4 criteria are met, school nurse may document history of disease in Part II, Section 1, of form MCH 213-F and initial the entry. If all 4 criteria are not met or the nurse is uncertain; refer parent to their private provider.

Polio (IPV): **Pre-K:* 3-4 doses. *K-12:* 4 doses with one dose given on or after the 4th birthday. OR 3 doses ONLY if dose 3 was given on or after 4th birthday AND 6 months after dose 2.

Diphtheria, Tetanus, & Pertussis (DTaP, DTP, or Tdap): **Pre-K:* 3-4 doses. *K-12:* 4 doses with one dose given on or after the 4th birthday. NOTE: Children age 7 years and older on a catch-up schedule need only 3 doses if the 1st dose was administered at 12 months of age or older and dose 3 was given at age 7 or older and at least 6 months after dose 2.

Tetanus, Diptheria, and Pertussis Booster (Tdap): *Grade 7 through 12:* 1 booster is required for entry.

Meningococcal Conjugate (MenACWY, MCV4): *Grades 7 through 11:* 1 dose required for ALL students. *Grade 12:* 2 doses required for ALL and dose 2 must be given on or after the 16th birthday.

Human Papillomavirus (HPV): *All 7th grade students:* 2 doses with first dose prior to entry. After reviewing educational materials approved by the Board of Health, the parent or guardian may elect for the child not to receive the HPV vaccine.

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*Pre-K students with August or September birthdays may enroll with proof of 3 doses of DTP and IPV. An updated vaccine record which includes 4 doses of each must be provided within 90 days from 4th birthday. Must be up to date on all other vaccines and provide physical exam to enroll and begin school.

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