Incoming 12th Grade Vaccine requirement

To avoid interruption in learning due to vaccine availability or difficulty getting an appointment, please plan or schedule now at the health department or your healthcare provider. Updated Vaccine record or Exemption letter *due no later than Tuesday 9/22/2026* Thank you!

Vaccine Schedule K-12	Number Doses Required Before School Entry*
Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis	5 doses
Polio	4 doses
Measles	2 doses
Mumps	2 doses
Rubella	1 dose
Haemophilus Influenzae type B (Hib)	4 doses
Hepatitis B (Hep B)	3 doses
Varicella (chickenpox)	1 dose
Tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis	1 dose
Meningococcal conjugate (NEW FOR SENIORS : Effective 2020-2021 School Year)	***2 doses*** ***(#1 was given prior to 7th grade, #2 due 12th grade)***

PLEASE NOTE: *THIS VACCINE IS NOT NEW, OR RELATED TO THE COVID-19, FLU, OR ANY OTHER OPTIONAL or new VACCINE.*

*Please read REVERSE for further information and contact your School Nurse, for questions. Thank you!

Parent Signature _____ Date _____

Student Signature _____ Date _____

PLEASE SIGN, DATE, AND RETURN THIS FORM and / or and updated vaccine record TO SCHOOL NURSE.

North Carolina Vaccine-Specific Requirements

The North Carolina General Statutes (G.S. 130A-152(a)) require immunizations for every child present in this state. Every parent, guardian or person in loco parentis is responsible for ensuring that their child(ren) receive required immunizations. If you have specific questions regarding your child, please contact your child's health care provider or your local health department. North Carolina requires the following immunizations:

Meningococcal

Two doses. One dose is required for individuals entering the seventh grade or by 12 years of age, whichever comes first, on or after July 1, 2015. **A booster dose is NOW required for individuals entering the 12th grade or by 17 years of age, whichever comes first.** Individuals who entered seventh grade before July 1, 2015 are not required to receive the first dose. The booster dose does not apply to individuals who entered the 12th grade before August 1, 2020. If the first dose is administered on or after the 16th birthday, a booster dose is not required. Individuals born before January 1, 2003 shall not be required to receive meningococcal conjugate vaccine.

§ 130A-157. Religious exemption.

If the bona fide religious beliefs of an adult or the parent, guardian or person in loco parentis of a child are contrary to the immunization requirements contained in this Chapter, the adult or the child shall be exempt from the requirements. Upon submission of a written statement of the bona fide religious beliefs and opposition to the immunization requirements, the person may attend the college, university, school or facility without presenting a certificate of immunization. (1957, c. 1357, s. 1; 1959, c. 177; 1965, c. 652; 1971, c. 191; 1979, c. 56, s. 1; 1983, c. 891, s. 2; 1985, c. 692, s. 2; 2002-179, s. 17.)

This law allows people to be exempt from vaccine requirements if they have **religious beliefs** that conflict with immunization. North Carolina does not have a required form or template for religious exemptions. If your child should not get a vaccine because of religious beliefs, write a statement of objection and deliver to your School Nurse BEFORE vaccine due date. Your religious objection statement must Include their full name, address, date of birth and the reason for the objection. The parent should sign and date the letter. Statements do not need to be notarized, signed by a religious leader or prepared by an attorney. Your statement shall remain in effect until you revoke and there is no need to update it annually.

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