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## New Immunization Legal Requirements for School Entry for 2014-15

We want all parents to be aware that the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) recently released new immunization requirements for school entry and attendance. The new vaccine schedule is required by law. The goal of the new requirements, as stated by NYSDOH, is to bring the schedule of required vaccines closer to the vaccination scheduled recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

This year, the changes primarily affect students entering Kindergarten and 6<sup>th</sup> grade:

### Kindergarten (no changes in Hepatitis B vaccine – 3 doses)

	Previous Requirement	New Requirement	Notes
DTaP	3 doses	4-5 doses → see NYSDOH table (link below)	# doses required depends on timing of doses relative to student's date of birth
Polio	3 doses	3-5 doses → see NYSDOH chart (link below)	# doses required depends on timing of doses relative to student's date of birth
MMR	2 doses	1-2 doses	Dose 2 is "required by age 7;" <b>we strongly recommend</b> it be given prior to Kindergarten entry, <u>particularly with a Measles outbreak in NYC, not far from New Rochelle</u>
Varicella	1 dose	2 doses	

### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade (no changes in MMR vaccine – 2 doses OR Hepatitis B vaccine – 3 doses)

	Previous Requirement	New Requirement	Notes
Tdap	1 dose	1 dose	Parents are advised to check their child's status re: Tdap vaccine
Polio	3 doses	3-5 doses → see NYSDOH chart (link below)	# doses required depends on timing of doses relative to student's date of birth
Varicella	1 dose	2 doses	

[Grades 1-2: 2 doses of MMR required by age 7. Since 2 doses have been required for K entry, this will not impact students in these grades in 2014-15.]

The NYSDOH table of Immunization Requirements (and accompanying footnotes) may be found at: <http://www.health.ny.gov/publications/2370.pdf> . The table is also posted on the Health Services pages of [www.nred.org](http://www.nred.org).

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