

## **IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS**

The Pennsylvania School Immunization Law requires the following minimum immunizations for all students entering school.

- Four or more doses of diphtheria and tetanus vaccine, with one dose administered on or after the fourth birthday.
- Three or more doses of polio vaccine.
- Two doses of measles (rubeola) vaccine, preferably given as an MMR, with the first dose administered at 12 months of age or older and the second dose administered at least 30 days after the first dose.
- Two doses of mumps vaccine, preferably given as an MMR, administered at 12 months of age or older and the second dose administered at least 30 days after the first dose.
- One dose of German measles (rubella) vaccine, preferably given as an MMR, administered at 12 months of age or older.
- Three properly spaced doses of hepatitis B vaccine, with a minimum of 28 days between the first and second doses, and the third dose separated by at least 4 months after the first dose and at least two months after the second dose. The third dose must be given after 6 months of age.
- Two doses of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine; OR a written statement from the parent, guardian, or health care provider noting the age of the child when he/she had the chickenpox disease.
- **Children entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade need the following additional vaccines:**
  - \* One dose of tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap) vaccine if 5 years has elapsed since the last tetanus immunization.
  - \* One dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine.

**Proof of immunization is required before a student may enter school for the first time or transfer from another school.** Students will be excluded from school if immunizations are not completed by the date established by the Pennsylvania Department of Health. Proof of immunization means a **written verifiable record** showing the dates (month, day, year) your child was immunized. Parents are encouraged to provide to the school nurse, the dates of all immunization boosters that the student receives during his/her school years. **The only exemptions to the school laws for immunization are for medical reasons documented by your medical doctor and for religious beliefs.**