

REQUIREMENTS FOR ENROLLING IN SCHOOL

Kindergarten

All children entering kindergarten for the first time must be five years of age on or before September 1.

When a child has been enrolled in kindergarten prior to moving to Huron and does not meet South Dakota entrance age requirements, a conference involving the building principal, the teacher, and the parent shall be held. The parent is informed that the child will be placed in kindergarten on a trial basis until such time as the principal and teacher can determine whether the welfare of the child can best be served by retaining him/her in school or by withholding admission until the following school year. In most cases, the trial period need not exceed two or three weeks.

First Grade

All children entering first grade must be six years of age on September 1. First grade transfer pupils shall be handled in the same manner as the kindergarten pupils except that the alternative to remaining in first grade shall be placement in kindergarten.

Birth Certificate Requirement

A student's birth certificate or an affidavit in lieu of the birth certificate must be provided to the school when the student is enrolled.

Immunization Requirements

Any child entering school shall, prior to admission, be required to present to the appropriate school authorities certification from a licensed physician that the child has received a test for tuberculosis and is free from a contagious form of tuberculosis and that the child has received or is in the process of receiving required immunizations against poliomyelitis, diphtheria, pertussis, rubeola, rubella, mumps, and tetanus, according to recommendations provided by the South Dakota Department of Health. Attendance during any delays in documentation will be handled on a case-by-case basis in cooperation with the school nurses.

Requirements for Enrolling in School (Continued)

This law applies to all children entering a South Dakota school system for the first time in grades kindergarten through twelve.

Minimum immunization requirements are defined as stated below:

- 1) Four or more doses of DTP vaccine. At least one dose must have been given after the age of four (children over the age of seven receive Td).
- 2) Three or more doses of Trivalent Oral Polio vaccine (OPV) or enhanced inactivated Polio vaccine (IPV). At least one dose must have been given after age four. OPV can be given up until the eighteenth birthday.
- 3) Two doses of MMR vaccine administered after twelve months of age, with a minimum interval of thirty days between these doses OR physician diagnosed measles. Two doses of rubella vaccine administered after twelve months of age with a minimum interval of thirty days OR having demonstrated serological evidence of rubella antibodies. Two doses of mumps vaccine administered after twelve months of age with a minimum interval of thirty days.
- 4) Two doses of Chicken Pox vaccine administered after twelve months of age with a minimum of thirty days.

Law requires verification of chicken pox vaccination or a written statement that your child has had chicken pox.

Medical Exemption to Immunization Law

A physician must verify that a test or immunization would endanger life or health of child.

Religious Exemption to Immunization Law

Parent(s)/guardian(s) must verify that the child adheres to a religious doctrine whose teachings are opposed to such test and immunization.