

SC Immunization Requirements for School 2023 - 2024

Changes for the 2023-2024 School Year:

9th grade has been added to the requirement for (2) doses of varicella. A child with a positive history of the disease is considered immune and is exempt from this requirement.

11th grade has been added to the requirement for three (3) doses of oral and/or inactivated polio vaccine with at least one (1) dose received on or after the fourth birthday.

3rd grade has been added to the requirement for two (2) doses of hepatitis A vaccine with both doses received on or after the first birthday and separated by at least 6 months.

The following minimum immunization requirements are necessary for a child to be admitted to any public, private, or parochial school, grades 5K – 12:

Vaccine	Grade	Grade Level Requirement
Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis	5K - 12	Four (4) doses of any combination of DTP, DT, DTaP, Td, or Tdap vaccine with at least one (1) dose received on or after the fourth birthday. Refer to the currently published ACIP Catch Up Schedule for guidance on recommendations for students who are behind. For children 7 years of age and older following a catch up schedule, 3 doses may be acceptable
Tdap Booster	7 – 8	One (1) dose of Tdap vaccine. This dose of Tdap may be included as one of the doses needed to meet the requirement for Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis. This vaccine must be given on or after the child's 10 th birthday.
	9 - 12	One (1) dose of Tdap vaccine. This dose of Tdap may be included as one of the doses needed to meet the requirement for Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis. This vaccine must be given on or after the child's 7 th birthday.
Polio	5K - 11	Three (3) doses of oral and/or inactivated polio vaccine with at least one (1) dose received on or after the fourth birthday
	12	Three (3) doses of oral and/or inactivated polio vaccine (IPV) with at least one (1) dose received on or after the 4th birthday OR four (4) doses of oral and/or inactivated polio vaccine (IPV) before 4th birthday (if all doses separated by at least 4 weeks). Follow CDC recommendations for students 18 years of age and older.
Measles, Mumps and Rubella	5K – 12	Two (2) doses of MMR vaccine with both doses received on or after the first birthday and separated by at least 4 weeks
Hepatitis A	5K - 3	Two (2) doses of Hepatitis A vaccine with both doses received on or after the first birthday and separated by at least 6 months
Hepatitis B	5K - 12	Three (3) doses of hepatitis B vaccine, with the third dose received ≥ 24 weeks of age and at least 16 weeks after the first dose
Varicella	5K - 9	Two (2) doses of varicella vaccine with both doses received on or after the first birthday and separated by at least 4 weeks or a positive history of disease
	10- 12	One (1) dose of varicella vaccine received on or after the first birthday or positive history of disease

Please note:

- Children enrolled in 4K programs and younger, must meet Childcare Requirements, even if attendance is in a school setting.
- Children enrolled in 5K through Grade 12 must meet School Requirements.
- In general, titers may only be accepted as evidence of immunity to Measles, Mumps Rubella, and Varicella

Pursuant to Section 44-29-180, South Carolina Code of Laws, and South Carolina Regulation 61-8, "no superintendent of an institution of learning, no school board or principal of a school...may...enroll or retain a child or person who cannot produce satisfactory evidence of having been vaccinated or immunized so often as directed by the Department of Health and Environmental Control...Records of vaccinations or immunizations must be maintained by the institution, school or day care facility to which the child or person has been admitted."