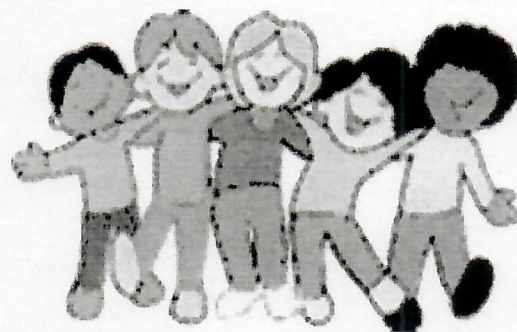


Fact Sheet for Parents

Tdap Requirements for Middle and High School Students



The Wisconsin Student Immunization law requires that all students entering the 6th grade receive a dose of Tdap vaccine. To be compliant with the school law, parents must provide their child's school with proof of immunization or claim a waiver.

1. What is Tdap?

Tdap is a vaccine that protects against Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis (whooping cough).

2. What grades are affected and what vaccine is required?

All students entering grades 6 through 12 must have one dose of Tdap.

3. What do parents need to do?

Have your child vaccinated with Tdap vaccine if he or she has not already received the vaccine. Record the date of the immunization in the appropriate box on the enclosed Student Immunization Record, sign the form and return it to your child's school. Be sure to add the Tdap vaccination date to the permanent immunization record you keep for your child. In the future, your child may need to give these dates to other schools, colleges or employers. To claim a waiver for health, religious or personal conviction reasons, follow the instructions on the Student Immunization Record and return the signed form to your child's school.

4. Are there exceptions to the Tdap vaccine requirements?

Yes. If your child has received a tetanus-containing vaccine (such as Td) in the five years before he/she enters the grade in which it is required, your child is compliant and is not required to receive a Tdap. Check the box marked "Td" on the Student Immunization Record, enter the date it was received and return the signed form to school.

5. Once my child meets the Tdap requirement will he or she need to get another dose in a different grade?

No. Tdap is a one-time requirement. Once a child meets the vaccine requirement for the grade to which the requirement applies, no further doses are required. In other words, a student who receives Tdap before starting 6th grade does not need any more doses. If a child received a dose of Td vaccine within 5 years of entering 6th grade, that child has met the Tdap requirement (even though s/he has not actually received Tdap vaccine) and will not be required to receive Tdap vaccine now or in a future grade.

STUDENT IMMUNIZATION LAW AGE/GRADE REQUIREMENTS

The following are the minimum required immunizations for each age and grade level according to the Wisconsin Student Immunization Law. These requirements can be waived for health, religious or personal conviction reasons. Additional immunizations may be recommended for your child depending on his or her age. Please contact your doctor or local health department to determine if your child needs additional immunizations.

Grade/Age	Number of Doses					
Pre-K (ages 2 through 4 yrs) ¹	4 DTaP/DTP/DT ²	3 Polio	3 Hepatitis B ⁶	1 MMR ⁷	1 Varicella ⁸	
Kindergarten through Grade 5	4 DTaP/DTP/DT/Td ^{2,3}	4 Polio ⁵	3 Hepatitis B ⁶	2 MMR ⁷	2 Varicella ⁸	
Grades 6 through 12	4 DTaP/DTP/DT/Td ²	1 Tdap ⁴	4 Polio ⁵	3 Hepatitis B ⁶	2 MMR ⁷	2 Varicella ⁸

1. Children 5 years of age or older who are enrolled in a Pre-K class should be assessed using the immunization requirements for Kindergarten through Grade 5, which would normally correspond to the individual's age.
2. D = diphtheria, T = tetanus, P = pertussis vaccine. DTaP/DTP/DT/Td vaccine for all students Pre-K through 12: Four doses are required. However, if a student received the 3rd dose after the 4th birthday, further doses are not required. **Note:** A dose four days or less before the 4th birthday is also acceptable.
3. DTaP/DTP/DT vaccine for children entering Kindergarten: Each student must have received one dose after the 4th birthday (either the 3rd, 4th, or 5th dose) to be compliant. **Note:** A dose four days or less before the 4th birthday is also acceptable.
4. Tdap is an adolescent tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis combination vaccine. If a student received a dose of a tetanus-containing vaccine, such as Td, within five years before entering the grade in which Tdap is required, the student is compliant and a dose of Tdap vaccine is not required.
5. Polio vaccine for students entering grades Kindergarten through 12: Four doses are required. However, if a student received the 3rd dose after the 4th birthday, further doses are not required. **Note:** A dose four days or less before the 4th birthday is also acceptable.
6. Laboratory evidence of immunity to hepatitis B is also acceptable.
7. MMR is measles, mumps, and rubella vaccine. The first dose of MMR vaccine must have been received on or after the 1st birthday. Laboratory evidence of immunity to all three diseases (measles and mumps and rubella) is also acceptable. **Note:** A dose four days or less before the 1st birthday is also acceptable.
8. Varicella vaccine is chickenpox vaccine. A history of chickenpox disease or laboratory evidence of immunity to varicella is also acceptable.



STUDENT IMMUNIZATION RECORD

INSTRUCTIONS TO PARENT: COMPLETE AND RETURN TO SCHOOL WITHIN **30 DAYS AFTER ADMISSION**. State law requires all public and private school students to present written evidence of immunization against certain diseases **within 30 school days of admission**. The current age/grade specific requirements are available from schools and local health departments. These requirements can only be waived if a properly signed health, religious or personal conviction waiver is filed with the school. The purpose of this form is to measure compliance with the law and will be used for that purpose only. If you have questions regarding immunizations, or how to complete this form, contact your child's school or local health department.

Step 1 PERSONAL DATA

PLEASE PRINT

Student's Name	Birthdate (MM/DD/YYYY)	Gender	School	Grade	School Year
Name of Parent/Guardian/Legal Custodian		Address (Street, City, State, Zip)		Telephone Number	

Step 2 IMMUNIZATION HISTORY

List the MONTH, DAY, AND YEAR your child received each of the following immunizations. DO NOT USE A (✓) OR (X) except to answer the question about chickenpox, Tdap, or Td. If you do not have an immunization record for this student at home, contact your doctor or public health department to obtain it.

TYPE OF VACCINE*	FIRST DOSE MM/DD/YYYY	SECOND DOSE MM/DD/YYYY	THIRD DOSE MM/DD/YYYY	FOURTH DOSE MM/DD/YYYY	FIFTH DOSE MM/DD/YYYY
DTaP/DTP/DT/Td (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis)					
Adolescent booster (Check appropriate box) <input type="checkbox"/> Tdap <input type="checkbox"/> Td					
Polio					
Hepatitis B					
MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)					
Varicella (Chickenpox) Vaccine <i>Vaccine is required only if your child has not had chickenpox disease. See below:</i>					
Has your child had Varicella (chickenpox) disease? Check the appropriate box and provide the year if known: <input type="checkbox"/> YES _____ Year (Vaccine not required) <input type="checkbox"/> NO or Unsure (Vaccine required)			Has your child had a blood test (titer) that shows immunity (had disease or previous vaccination) to any of the following? (Check all that apply) <input type="checkbox"/> Varicella <input type="checkbox"/> Measles <input type="checkbox"/> Mumps <input type="checkbox"/> Rubella <input type="checkbox"/> Hepatitis B If YES, provide laboratory report(s)		

Step 3 REQUIREMENTS

Refer to the age/grade level requirements for the current school year to determine if this student meets the requirements.

Step 4 COMPLIANCE DATA

STUDENT MEETS ALL REQUIREMENTS

Sign at Step 5 and return this form to school.

Or

STUDENT DOES NOT MEET ALL REQUIREMENTS

Check the appropriate box below, sign at Step 5, and return this form to school. PLEASE NOTE THAT INCOMPLETELY IMMUNIZED STUDENTS MAY BE EXCLUDED FROM SCHOOL IF AN OUTBREAK OF ONE OF THESE DISEASES OCCURS.

Although my child has **NOT** received **ALL** the required doses of vaccine, the **FIRST DOSE(S)** has/have been received. I understand that the **SECOND DOSE(S)** must be received by the 90th school day after admission to school this year, and that the **THIRD DOSE(S)** and **FOURTH DOSE(S)** if required must be received by the 30th school day next year. I also understand that it is my responsibility to notify the school in writing each time my child receives a dose of required vaccine.

NOTE: Failure to stay on schedule may result in exclusion from school, court action and/or forfeiture penalty.

WAIVERS (List in Step 2 above, the date(s) of any immunizations your child has already received)

For health reasons this student should not receive the following immunizations _____

SIGNATURE - Physician

Date Signed

For religious reasons, I have chosen not to vaccinate this student with the following immunizations (check all that apply)
 DTaP/DTP/DT/Td Tdap, Polio Hepatitis B MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) Varicella

For personal conviction reasons, I have chosen not to vaccinate this student with the following immunizations (check all that apply)
 DTaP/DTP/DT/Td Tdap Polio Hepatitis B MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) Varicella

Step 5 SIGNATURE

This form is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. Check one: (I do I do not) give permission to share my child's current immunization records and as they are updated in the future with the Wisconsin Immunization Registry (WIR). I understand that I may revoke this consent at any time by sending written notification to the school district. Following the date of revocation, the school district will provide no new records or updates to the WIR.

SIGNATURE - Parent/Guardian/Legal Custodian or Adult Student

Date Signed