

IMMUNIZATIONS

Missouri State Law requires school children to be properly immunized or exempted according to established guidelines. Only exemptions for medical or religious purposes are allowed, and these must be filed with the school administrator. A doctor's statement is needed for a medical exemption.

All current students must receive immunizations as scheduled in order to remain in school. Parents or guardians of new students must furnish proof that children have been adequately immunized or that the immunization process has begun. Homeless students need to contact the District's Homeless Department at 418-8640.

Kindergarten - 7th Grade

- Hepatitis B, 3 doses. *Legislation was passed requiring the hepatitis B vaccine for all students entering kindergarten beginning with the 1997-98 school year.*
- Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (DPT/DT/Td), 3 doses. *The last one must be given on or after the 4th birthday. Pertussis is required for all children under 6 years of age, with a maximum of 6 doses.*
- Polio, 3 doses. *The last one must be given on or after the 4th birthday, with a maximum of 4 doses.*
- Measles, 2 doses. *The first dose must be given on or after the 1st birthday. At least 28 days must separate the 2 doses.*
- Mumps, 1 dose. *The dose must be given on or after the 1st birthday.*
- Rubella, 1 dose. *The dose must be given on or after the 1st birthday.*

8th - 12th Grade

- Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (DPT/DT/Td), 3 doses. *The last one must be given on or after the 4th birthday. A tetanus booster is required 10 years after the last dose.*
- Polio, 3 doses. *The last one must be given on or after the 4th birthday, with a maximum of 4 doses.*
- Measles, mumps and rubella, 1 dose. *The dose must be given on or after the 1st birthday.*
- Hepatitis B. *The vaccine is now recommended for all teenagers.*