

Grades K-12



Requirements by age/grade at entry and on a continuing review status¹. Vaccines must follow minimum intervals and ages to be valid. A 4-day grace period applies to these ages and intervals in most situations.

Age	Number of doses required of each immunization				
Kindergarten-12 th Grade	3 Hep B ²	4 Polio ³	2 MMR ⁴	1 Varicella ⁴	5 DTaP ⁵
Additional requirements at age 11 Years and older ⁶				1 Tdap ⁷	1 MenACWY

Footnotes:

1. Students must have proof of all required immunizations in order to attend school.
2. The final dose of hep B must be given at 24 weeks of age or older. If hep B #3 was given before 24 weeks of age, a 4th dose is required.
3. 3 doses of polio are acceptable if dose #3 was received at or after 4 years of age and at least 6 months after the second dose; otherwise, 4 doses are required, with the last received at or after the 4th birthday. If the last dose was given ON or AFTER August 7, 2009, it must have been given at a minimum of 4 years of age AND a minimum interval of 6 months following the previous dose. Students who received either 3 or 4 doses PRIOR to August 7, 2009, regardless of age at final dose, have met the requirement.
4. Minimum age for dose #1 of MMR and varicella is 12 months. Another dose will be required if dose #1 of either vaccine was given more than 4 days before 1st birthday. MMR and varicella must be given on the same day or at least 28 days apart.
5. 4 doses of DTaP are acceptable if last dose was given on or after 4 years of age. A 6th dose is required if 5 doses have been given before 4 years of age, and the child is under 7 years old. For children 7-10, 3 doses of DTaP, DTP, DT, Tdap, or TD are acceptable if all 3 were given after the first birthday.
6. In addition to the vaccines required for all K-12 students, 1 dose of Tdap and 1 dose of quadrivalent meningococcal vaccine are required when a student turns 11, regardless of grade. It is recommended that you notify parents ahead of their child's 11th birthday that these vaccines will be due once they turn 11. Do NOT require or recommend Tdap or MenACWY BEFORE age 11. There is no statute-defined time period in which students must come into compliance, but ADHS *recommends* no more than 15 days after the 11th birthday.
7. Students must have a minimum of 3 doses of tetanus/diphtheria vaccine, including at least 1 Tdap. If a tetanus-containing vaccine was given between the ages of 7-10, 1 dose of Tdap is required when at least 5 years has passed since the last dose of tetanus-containing vaccine.

Please see the next page for additional information and exceptions and conditions to the rules.

GUIDE TO IMMUNIZATIONS REQUIRED FOR ARIZONA SCHOOL ENTRY

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The laws and rules governing school immunization requirements are Arizona Revised Statutes §15-871-874; and Arizona Administrative Code, R9-6-701–708. Please review the school requirements in Table 7.1 and “catch-up” schedule in Table 7.2, located in R9-6-701-708.

Students must have proof of all required immunizations in order to attend school; however, Arizona law allows K-12 immunization exemptions for medical reasons, lab evidence of immunity, and personal beliefs. For further information and guidance please review the [Arizona Immunization Handbook for Schools and Child Care Programs](#) along with [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

Parental recall or verbal history of any disease is not accepted; therefore these students must submit an ADHS medical exemption form. **Specifically with varicella (chickenpox), measles, or rubella disease a medical exemption with attached laboratory evidence of immunity is required.**

Homeless students and children in foster care are allowed a 5-day grace period to submit proof of immunization records (assuming that all other students have their immunization records submitted prior to attendance at school).

CATCH UP SCHEDULE AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON VACCINE REQUIREMENTS:

- **Hep B:** Minimum intervals for valid doses are as follows: The 2nd dose is due at least 4 weeks after the 1st dose; the 3rd dose is due at least 8 weeks after the 2nd dose and at least 16 weeks after the 1st dose. The final dose of hepatitis B vaccine (HBV) must be at or after 24 weeks of age. If Hep B 3rd dose was given before 24 weeks of age, a 4th dose is needed.
- **Hep B for students aged 11-15 years** – 2 doses meet the requirement if adult hepatitis B vaccine (Recombivax) was received. Dosage (10mcg/1.0mL) and type of vaccine must be clearly documented. If Recombivax was not the vaccine used, a 3-dose series is required.
- **Meningococcal Vaccine** – Only quadrivalent meningococcal ACWY vaccine doses will be accepted. The only quadrivalent meningococcal vaccines given currently in the U.S. are Menactra and Menveo. The Meningococcal Polysaccharide vaccine (Menomune) was a quadrivalent vaccine so is acceptable; however, production of this vaccine was discontinued in February 2017. Students who received this polysaccharide vaccine are considered acceptable for school requirements. No monovalent or bivalent meningococcal vaccinations will be accepted (MenA, MenB, MenC, or MenC/Y).
- **Poliomyelitis (Polio)** – The 2nd dose is due 4 weeks after the 1st dose; the 3rd dose is due 6 months after the 2nd dose. The U.S. currently does not give anything other than IPV (inactivated polio vaccine) whereas some foreign countries still give the OPV (oral polio vaccine). OPV given prior to April 1, 2016 will be presumed to be trivalent and therefore acceptable, regardless of country of administration. Any OPV doses administered after April 1, 2016 are presumed to be bivalent and therefore unacceptable. Students 18 years and older are exempt from the polio requirement.
- **MMR** – The 2nd dose is due 4 weeks after the 1st dose.
- **Varicella** – 2 doses are **required** for students who receive the first dose at 13 years of age or older. 2 doses are *recommended* for all K-12 students.

