

Lawrence Public Schools
Health Services
Health Requirements for New Students

The principal of each school is responsible for enforcing Kansas School Immunization Law (K. S. A. 725209 amended 1981). State law requires that prior to admission, each student must present certification by a licensed physician or local health department showing that the student has received at least one of each of the following immunizations or is in the process of receiving immunizations against diphtheria, pertussis (up to age 7), tetanus, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B, and varicella (chickenpox). If your child has had the chickenpox disease, the school needs documentation from a licensed physician. Additionally, a booster **Tdap** is required for all students in grades 7-12, if no previous history of Tdap vaccination.

Beginning in the 2019-2020 school year, two doses of Hepatitis A are required for students in grades K-1, and one dose of Meningococcal is required for students in grades 7-11.

The Kansas State Department of Health and Environment recognizes two alternatives to immunizations: a medical exemption endorsed in writing by a licensed physician or a religious exemption signed by the parent or guardian.

Medical examinations: A school health assessment (physical exam) performed by a medical doctor, doctor of osteopathy, physician assistant or nurse practitioner is required for all students up to age nine who are entering a Kansas school for the first time. This exam must have been completed by a private practitioner or at a clinic within 12 months prior to school entry.

If your child has not received complete immunization against the listed diseases, and one of the legal alternatives is not applicable, progress toward completion must be demonstrated 30 days after notification of needed immunizations. If your child has not presented a health assessment to the school upon admission, the examination must be completed within 90 days after admission. Failure to present certification by a licensed physician or health department that your child has fulfilled these requirements shall be grounds for exclusion from school until such requirements have been satisfied.

All new students also are required to submit a health history that has been completed by a parent or guardian as part of the enrollment process.

I hereby certify that I have read and understand the above school admission requirements for my child. **I also give permission for the school immunization record to be released to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department, and the Kansas Immunization Program, including the immunization registry, for the purpose of assessment, reporting, and prevention of disease.**

(Name of Child) (Date of Birth) (Grade)

(Parent/Guardian Signature) (Date)

Last school attended _____
School City State

Return Form to School Nurse