

To: PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF CHILDREN ENTERING KINDERGARTEN
Date: May 14, 2015
Subject: STATE IMMUNIZATION RULES AND CERTIFICATES

The Tennessee Department of Health (TDOH) issued new immunization rules and a new Official Certificate that is required for entry into school, effective July 1, 2010. All the required vaccines are routinely recommended for all children. Most children should have already received them.

- The **TDOH Certificate of Immunization** must be filled out and signed by your physician/medical provider **prior to entering** into pre-school, pre-k, kindergarten, or as a new student.

ALL CHILDREN ENTERING KINDERGARTEN

- Current Immunization Requirements:
Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (DTaP, or DT if appropriate): final dose on/after 4th birthday.
Poliomyelitis: final dose on or after the 4th birthday
Hepatitis B (HBV): all 3 doses complete
Measles, Mumps, Rubella (usually given together as MMR): 2 doses required by entry into kindergarten
Varicella (Chickenpox): 2 doses or history of disease documented by physician
Hepatitis A: 2 doses, spaced 6 months apart

Parents should visit their medical providers to get the required immunizations completed before August 1st. The ***TDOH Certificate of Immunization*** must be turned in to the School Office **by August 1, 2015.**

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