

To: **PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF CHILDREN ENTERING KINDERGARTEN**

Subject: STATE IMMUNIZATION RULES AND CERTIFICATES

The **Tennessee Department of Health Certificate of Immunization** documents your student's completed immunizations that are required by the State of Tennessee. 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 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 (1 dose of each, 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 July 31st.** A new Certificate of Immunization will need to be turned into the school after your student gets these immunizations.

The TDOH Certificate of Immunization must be turned into the School Office before August 1st

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