

Academy School District Twenty

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TO: Academy School District 20 Parents/Guardians
FROM: School Nurses
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SUBJECT: STATE REQUIREMENTS ON IMMUNIZATIONS for School Year 2012-2013

It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian to have his or her child immunized in accordance with the following requirements, unless the child is exempt based on one of the reasons specified in C.R.S. § 25-4-903.

Minimum requirements are as follows:

Grades:

K, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 5 DTaP/TD**, 4 Polio***, 2 Measles, Mumps, Rubella, 3 Hepatitis B, and 2 Varicella *****

Grades 6-12: 5 DTaP/TD**, 1 tDap **** (unless tDap given prior to 6th grade entry), 4 Polio***, 2 Measles, Mumps, Rubella, 3 Hepatitis B, and 1 Varicella

**5 Doses of DTaP/TD unless the 4th dose was given on or after the 4th birthday in which case only 4 doses are required.

***4 Doses of Polio unless the 3rd dose was given on or after the 4th birthday in which case only 3 doses are required.

**** 2012-2013 School Year: No additional tDap needed at 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grades if tDap received prior to the student's 6th grade entry, otherwise tDap is due at these grade levels. tDap was a new Colorado state immunization requirement effective 2007-2008 school year, and thereafter. If DT, or childhood DTaP was given within last two years, student will be considered in compliance without tDap until 2 year period expires from last dose of DT (diphtheria-tetanus) or DTaP, upon which adult tDap will then be due.

***** 2012-2013 School Year Incoming kindergarteners, first, second, third, fourth, and fifth graders are required to have two doses of varicella or medical provider documented proof of chickenpox disease.

MMR and Varicella-the first doses cannot be administered more than 4 days before the first birthday. A laboratory test showing immunity is acceptable.

Transfer students **must provide proof of immunizations upon admission.** Should their immunizations not meet Colorado requirements; the student(s) will complete an immunization plan and make progress towards compliance within 14 days. One of the following must be provided at registration:

1. A Certificate of Immunization signed by a licensed physician or authorized representative indicating the day, month, and year for all immunizations. If your student had the chicken pox disease, a laboratory test showing immunity or a letter from a health care provider is required in lieu of the varicella.
2. If immunization creates a health risk for your child, your child's medical provider must sign the medical exemption on the Certificate of Immunization.
3. If immunization is against your religious or personal belief, you must sign the religious or personal exemption on the Certificate of Immunization.

Immunizations are available through El Paso County Public Health at 578-3199 (1675 W. Garden of the Gods Road) or your family physician.

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"The mission of Academy School District 20 is to educate every student in a safe and nurturing environment and to provide comprehensive, challenging curricular and extracurricular opportunities that meet the unique needs of every individual by expanding interests, enhancing abilities, and equipping every student with the knowledge, skills, and character essential to being a responsible citizen of our community, our nation, and the world."