

REVISED: South Carolina Immunization Requirements for School 2022-2023

The following minimum requirements are necessary for a child to be admitted to any public, private or parochial school in grades 5K-12.

Vaccine	Grade	Grade Level Requirement
Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis	5K-12	Four (4) doses of any combination of DTP, DT, DTaP, Td or Tdap vaccine with at least one (1) dose received on or after the fourth birthday. Refer to the currently published ACIP Catch-Up schedule for guidance regarding students who are behind. For children 7 years of age and older following a catch-up schedule, 3 doses may be acceptable.
Tdap Booster	7	One (1) dose of Tdap vaccine. This dose of Tdap may be included as one of the doses needed to meet the requirement for Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis. The vaccine must be given on or after the child's 10 th birthday.
	8-12	One (1) dose of Tdap vaccine. This dose of Tdap may be included as one of the doses needed to meet the requirement for Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis. The vaccine must be given on or after the child's 7 th birthday.
Polio	5K-10	Three (3) doses of oral and/or inactivated polio vaccine with at least one (1) dose received on or after the fourth birthday.
	11-12	Three (3) doses of oral and/or inactivated polio vaccine with at least one (1) dose received on or after the 4 th birthday OR Four (4) doses of oral and/or inactivated polio vaccine before the 4 th birthday (if all doses were separated by at least 4 weeks). Follow CDC guidelines for students 18 years of age and older.
Measles, Mumps and Rubella	5K-12	Two (2) doses of MMR vaccine with both doses received on or after the 1 st birthday and separated by at least 4 weeks.
Hepatitis A	5K-2	Two (2) doses of Hepatitis A vaccine with both doses received on or after the 1 st birthday and separated by at least 6 months.
Hepatitis B	5K-12	Three (3) doses of Hepatitis B vaccine with the third dose received \geq 24 weeks of age and at least 16 weeks after the first dose.
Varicella	5K-8	Two (2) doses of varicella vaccine with both doses received on or after the 1 st birthday and separated by at least 4 weeks (or a positive history of disease).
	9-12	One (1) dose of varicella vaccine received on or after the 1st birthday (or a positive history of disease).

Note: Children enrolled in 4K programs and younger must meet the Childcare Requirements, even if attendance is in a school setting. Children enrolled in 5K-12 grade must meet School Requirements. In general, titers may ONLY be accepted as evidence of immunity to Measles, Mumps, Rubella and Varicella.

Pursuant to Section 44-29-180, South Carolina Code of Laws, and South Carolina Regulation 61-8, "no superintendent of an institution of learning, no school board or principal of a school...may...enroll or retain a child or person who cannot produce satisfactory evidence of having been vaccinated or immunized so often as directed by the Department of Health and Environmental Control.... Records of vaccinations or immunizations must be maintained by the institution, school, or day care facility to which the child or person has been admitted."