

**Dedham Public Schools
Health Entrance Requirements
2011/2012 School Year**

In order to better understand your child's health status and to meet the Massachusetts Department of Public Health regulations, we require information about your child's past and present health history and immunization status. **This information must be completed before your child will be allowed to enter the Dedham Public Schools.**

Full immunization is required before starting school under Massachusetts General Laws (Chapter 76, Sec. 15). A signed immunization certificate from a doctor or clinic must include the month, day, and year of the following immunizations:

DPT/DPaT (Diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus/DT (Diphtheria, tetanus)/or Td (DT, adult):

- Pre-school: 4 or more doses DPT/DTaP
- Kindergarten: 5 doses DPT/DTaP
- Grades 1-6: 4 or more doses DPT/DTaP or 3 or more doses of Td
- Grades 7-12: 4 or more doses DTP/DTaP or 3 or more doses of Td; **plus** 1 dose of Tdap

OPV/IPV (Polio):

- Pre-school: 3 or more doses
- Kindergarten: 4 doses
- Grades 1-12: 3 or more doses

MMR (measles, mumps, rubella/German measles):

- Pre-school: 1 dose
- Kindergarten-Grade 12: 2 doses

Hepatitis B:

- Pre-school – Grade 12: 3 doses

Hib (Haemophilus influenza type B):

- Pre-school: 1-4 doses (depends on age of child at initial dose)

Varicella (chicken pox):

- Pre-school: 1 dose
- Kindergarten: 2 doses
- Grades 1-6: 1 dose
- Grades 7: 2 doses
- Grades 8-12: 1 dose

Tb (tuberculosis screening):

- Pre-school-12: TB Risk Assessment (one documented risk assessment from anytime since birth)

Lead Screening:

- Pre-school or Kindergarten entry: Documentation of blood lead screening

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION:

- New students must provide a completed physical examination form (either the **Massachusetts School Health Record** form used by the Dedham Public Schools, or your health care provider form) dated within 12 months prior to the date of school entry.

All students in the Dedham Public Schools are mandated to comply with the regulations. The only exclusions are for medical and/or religious reasons.