

Dedham Public Schools  
Health Entrance Requirements

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, Section 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)**

- Preschool: 4 or more doses DPT/DTaP
- Kindergarten-grade 6: 5 doses DPT/DTaP (4 doses are acceptable if 4th dose given on or after the 4th birthday)
- Grades 7-12: 5 doses DPT/DTaP (4 doses are acceptable if 4th dose given on or after the 4th birthday) **PLUS** 1 dose of Tdap

**IPV (Polio)**

- Preschool: 3 or more doses
- Kindergarten - Grade 12: 4 doses

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

- Preschool: 1 dose
- Kindergarten - Grade 12: 2 doses

**Hepatitis B**

- Preschool - Grade 12: 3 doses

**Hib (haemophilus influenza type B)**

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

**Varicella (chicken pox)**

- Preschool: 1 dose
- Kindergarten - Grade 12: 2 doses

**Tb (tuberculosis screening)**

- Preschool - Grade 12: Tb risk assessment (one documented risk assessment anytime since birth)

**Lead Screening**

- Preschool or Kindergarten entry: documentation of blood lead screening

**PHYSICAL EXAMINATION**

- New students must provide a completed physical examination (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.

**The only exclusions to these mandates are for medical and/or religious reasons or homelessness.**