



BENTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2016-2017 Required Immunizations

Your child must have the following immunizations in order to maintain compliance with Arkansas State Immunization requirements. Please send proof of these to your school nurse after receiving them.

The Arkansas State Board of Health has revised and clarified the immunization requirements under Ark. Code Ann. §§ 20-7-109, 6-18-702, 6-60-501-504, and 20-78-206. The updated requirements for entrance into Kindergarten and grades 1st thru 12th are as follows. **Pre – K requirements are also listed.**

Polio – 3 or 4 doses with last one on or after 4th birthday and at least 6 months between the last two doses. (All students)

DTP/DT/Dtap - 4 or 5 doses with last one on or after 4th birthday (All students Pre-K-12)

Tdap - for all students age 11 or older by September 1, 2016, and one dose for students as they turn 11 by September 1st each year. All students 11 or older must have one

Hepatitis A- At least one dose given after their first birthday for all **Kindergarten and first grade students**. This is a two dose series and students are encouraged to finish the series. **All PRE-K students must have 2.**

Varicella – All students must have 2 doses or a letter from a medical professional* (**All students Pre-K-12**)

Meningococcal (MCV4) – Required for students prior to entering **7th grade** and a second dose for students as they turn **16** by September first of each calendar year. One dose at age 16 if never had a dose.

Hepatitis B – 3 doses required. (All students Pre-K-12)

MMR – 2 doses (All students Pre-K-12)

HPV – 3 doses recommended

HIB - Required for Pre-K

Pevnar – Required for Pre-K

**Medical professional is considered a physician, PA, PO or APN.*

Any student not wishing to receive any of these vaccines may request an exemption from the Arkansas Department of Health. It is the parent's responsibility to get and renew this yearly. Must be turned in by the first day of school.

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