



**Blue Valley School District**  
**School Health Program Required Health Records**  
2023-2024

We welcome your child to the Blue Valley School District! Student health requirements are important as we partner with our families to create a safe and effective learning environment. All health forms **must be completed and returned to the school nurse prior to the first day of school.**

All students entering a Kansas School for the first time are **required** to present, prior to attending school, certification from a physician or local health department indicating that the student has received all the immunizations required by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. The purpose of this signed statement is to verify that students have been immunized for: diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus (DPT/Td), polio, hepatitis B, hepatitis A, meningitis, measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) and varicella (chickenpox).

K.A.R. 28-1-20 Defines immunizations required for any individual who attends school or a preschool or childcare program operated by a school.

- **Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP):** Five doses required. Doses should be given at 2 months, 4 months, 6 months, 15-18 months, and 4-6 years (prior to kindergarten entry). The 4th dose may be given as early as 12 months of age, if at least 6 months have elapsed since dose 3. The 5th dose is not necessary if the 4th dose was administered at age 4 years or older. *A dose of Tdap is required at entry to 7th grade (11-12 years).*
- **Poliomyelitis (IPV/tOPV):** Four doses required. Doses should be given at 2 months, 4 months, 6-18 months, and 4-6 years (prior to kindergarten entry). Three doses are acceptable if 3rd dose was given after 4 years of age and at least 6 months have elapsed since dose 2.
- **Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR):** Two doses required. Doses should be given at 12-15 months and 4-6 years (prior to kindergarten entry). Minimum age is 12 months and interval between doses may be as short as 28 days.
- **VARICELLA (chickenpox)-** Two doses are required. Doses should be given at 12-15 months and 4-6 years (prior to kindergarten entry). The 2nd dose may be administered as early as 3 months after the 1st dose, however, a dose administered after a 4-week interval is considered valid. No doses are required when student has history of varicella disease documented by a licensed physician.
- **Hepatitis B (HEB B) –** Three doses required. Doses should be given at birth, 1-2 months, and 6-18 months. Minimum age for the final dose is 24 weeks.
- **Hepatitis A (HEP A):** Two doses required. Doses should be given at 12 months with a minimum interval of 6 months between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> dose.
- **Meningococcal (Serogroup ACWY):** Two doses required. Doses should be given at entry to 7th grade (11-12 years) and 11th grade (16-18 years). For children 16-18 years, only one dose is required.

Detailed immunization requirements by age group are listed on the 02/2016 version of the Kansas Certificate of Immunization (KCI) <https://www.kdhe.ks.gov/DocumentCenter/View/21273/2023-2024-Blank-KCI-PDF>

Students who have begun, but have not completed the required immunizations, may enroll and remain in school while completing the required immunizations as quickly as permitted by immunization requirements, if a physician or local health department certifies that the student has received the most recent appropriate immunizations in all required series. Kansas law provides the following alternatives to immunizations:

- An annual written statement signed by a licensed physician stating the physical condition of the child to be such that the tests or inoculations would seriously endanger the life or health of the child; or
- A written statement signed by one parent or guardian that the child is an adherent of a religious denomination whose religious teachings are opposed to such inoculations.

All immunization decisions should be made by the family physician or the Johnson County Health Department. If your child has transferred to our school district, you are responsible for providing records which prove those immunizations have either been completed or are in the process of completion. If a student's immunizations are not current (most recent appropriate inoculation in all series) or current immunization waivers, specifically religious or medical waivers, are not in place; the student will be excluded from school.

All students under nine years of age who are new to the state of Kansas are **required** to present documentation of a physical examination by an authorized health professional (K.S.A. 72-5214) that has been conducted no more than one year prior to enrollment. Failure to provide this documentation will result in the exclusion of the student from school. As an alternative to the required health assessment, a student may present:

- A written statement signed by one parent or guardian that the child is an adherent of a religious denomination whose religious teachings are opposed to such assessments; or
- A written statement signed by one parent or guardian that such assessment will be scheduled and completed within 90 days after admission to school.

Health screenings are done for all students periodically throughout the school year with the parent's consent. These screenings consist of hearing testing with an audiometer and vision testing. To comply with Kansas law (K.S.A. 72-6218 Student Data Privacy), parental consent is required for these screenings to be performed. Consent may be given once at initial enrollment or any time thereafter. Consent may be revoked at any time by written request submitted to the school nurse. Each year, notification of the annual screening will be made by school newsletter. Please note, if parental consent is not given, these routine screenings will not be done.

If your child requires prescription medication at school, a doctor's note or a written copy of the prescription is required. All medication must be sent to school in the labeled original container. **No medication will be given at school unless this procedure is followed. This includes all medications, over-the-counter and prescription. Over-the-counter medications require a note from a parent.** Examples of over-the-counter medications include cough medicines, cold medicines and cough drops. Permission for Advil and Tylenol is given by signing the consent on the back of the Health Assessment form.

Please feel free to contact your school at any time regarding acute, chronic or exceptional health problems concerning your child. Also, anytime your child is absent due to illness, please call the main office phone number by 9:00 AM that day. Your school nurse will be glad to answer any questions regarding these matters. We look forward to having your child attend a Blue Valley school.

\_\_\_\_\_ School Nurse