

IMMUNIZATIONS

Mississippi law provides that “it shall be unlawful for any child to attend school, kindergarten, or similar type facility intended for the instruction of children, either public or private, unless they shall first have been vaccinated against those diseases specified by the State Health Office.” The board of trustees of the Jackson Public School District has the power, authority, and duty to require those vaccinations specified by the State Health Officer as provided by law. Application of immunization requirements will be consistent with state statute.

All Jackson Public School District students must present to the school of enrollment a Certificate of Compliance regarding vaccinations. All students must show evidence of immunization against tetanus, diphtheria, whooping cough, red measles, German measles, and poliomyelitis. Additionally, effective August 1, 2007, the Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PVC7) or “Prevnar”, will be added as a childcare requirement for children under five years old and entering child care for the first time. All students will be required to present the certificate at or before the time of enrollment. Children entering school for the first time are required to have two doses of chickenpox vaccine or a history of chickenpox. Beginning January 2008, all students, including those already enrolled in childcare, will be required to be vaccinated with the recommended doses of the pneumococcal vaccine. **Effective 2012-2013 and in subsequent years, all students entering, advancing or transferring into 7th grade will need proof of an adolescent whooping (pertussis) booster, Tdap vaccine, before entry into school. Tdap vaccine given on or after the 7th birthday meets the new school requirements.** Certificates of vaccinations shall be issued by local health officers or physicians on forms specified by the Mississippi State Board of Health. Enforcement of this law will require removal of children from classes if they are not adequately immunized.

Students who cannot have vaccinations for medical reasons should have a physician or health department official complete a certificate for that reason.

School principals are required to refuse admittance to any child whose parents or legal guardian do not present a birth certificate and a medical certification of proper immunizations within the allotted time.

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Department of Health

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