

WILLIAMSBURG-JAMES CITY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Williamsburg, Virginia 23185

**SCHOOL ENTRANCE HEALTH REQUIREMENTS**  
**Kindergarten**

In the best interest of your child and other children, the State of Virginia requires the following health documentation for all students entering Kindergarten:

1. School entry is contingent upon the student furnishing, **AT TIME OF ADMISSION**, a report from a licensed physician of a comprehensive physical examination performed no earlier than 12 months prior to the date student first enters public kindergarten (first day of school).
2. No student shall be admitted to school unless, **AT THE TIME OF ADMISSION**, documentary proof of adequate immunizations is presented. Written certification must include dates (month-day-year) and must be signed by a physician/designee. Adequate immunization levels for admission are as follows:
  - Measles, Mumps Rubella Vaccine (Often given combined as MMR vaccine) - A minimum of 2 measles, 2 mumps, 1 rubella. First does must be administered at age 12 months or older.
  - Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP, DTP, or Tdap) - A minimum of 4 doses with at least one dose on or after the fourth birthday. DT vaccine is required for children medically exempt from pertussis containing vaccine. Adult Td is required for children 7 years or older.
  - Polio Vaccine - A minimum of 4 doses, one on or after the fourth birthday.
  - Hepatitis B Vaccine - A minimum of three doses.
  - Varicella (chicken pox) Vaccine – Required for all susceptible children born on or after January 1, 1997 received not earlier than 12 months of age. **Effective March 3, 2010, a second dose must be administered prior to entering kindergarten.**

Provisions:

1. Since minimal immunization levels needed for provisional enrollment vary with age and grade level, the Public School Nurse will advise you on your child's needs. Failure to obtain or complete all immunizations will result in exclusion from school.
2. If the parent objects to immunizations or physical exam on religious grounds, and the student shows no visible evidence of sickness, immunization certification shall not be required provided the parent complete and have notarized a Certificate of Religious Exemption.
3. If the student cannot receive a specific immunization due to medical contraindication or if the student reportedly had a case of measles, rubella, chicken pox, etc., the verification of medical contraindication and/or evidence of immunity must be certified by a physician; A school nurse may accept a parental report of a child having had the chicken pox only if all four criteria for acceptable evidence are reported.
4. The Williamsburg-James City County public schools will require tuberculin testing on those students entering this division from Asia, Latin America, Haiti, India, Pacific Islands, Africa and Eastern Europe, and other geographical areas based on their current conditions and disease history. PPD may also be required at the discretion of division medical advisor.