2009-2010 Arizona School Immunization Requirements

Parents:

1. Children must have proof of all required immunizations, or valid exemption, in order to attend the first day of school. Arizona law allows exemptions for medical reasons, laboratory evidence of immunity and personal beliefs. Exemption forms are available from schools and at www.azdhs.gov/phs/immun/idr_forms. Homeless students are allowed a 5-day grace period.
2. The record for each vaccine dose must include the date and name of doctor or clinic.
3. The statutes and rules governing school immunization requirements are:
   Arizona Revised Statutes 15-871 - 874; Arizona Administrative Code, R9-6-701 – 708.
4. Check requirements for your child's age and grade level in the chart below.

Age→	Under age 7	7 – 10 years	11 years and older	11 years and older
Grade→	Kindergarten and above	Kindergarten-5th grades	6th & 7th Grades Only	8th-12th grades
Vaccine ↓				
DTaP/DTP/DT	**4-5 doses** At least 1 dose at 4 years of age or older is required. A 6th dose is needed if 5 doses have been given before 4 years of age.	History of 4 DTaP or a total of 3 tetanus & diphtheria doses given after 12 months of age.	1 Tdap dose is required when 5 years have passed since the last DTaP, DTP, DT or Td. Students starting or finishing the first 3 tetanus & diphtheria doses must receive only 1 Tdap as part of the 3-dose series.	Students who have not already received Tdap are required to receive 1 Tdap dose when 10 years have passed since the last DTaP, DTP, DT, or Td. Students starting or finishing the first 3 tetanus & diphtheria doses must receive only 1 Tdap as part of the 3-dose series.
Td				
Tdap				
Meningococcal			1 dose	1 dose recommended Not required in 2009-2010 school year.
Polio	**3-4 doses** 3 doses meet the requirement if the third dose was given at 4 years or older. 4 doses meet the requirement even if all 4 doses were given in the first year of life.			
MMR	**2 doses** A third dose will be required if the first dose was given before 12 months of age.			
Hepatitis B	**3 doses** A fourth dose will be required if the third dose was given before 24 weeks of age.			
Varicella	**1 dose if given before 13 years of age** **2 doses if first dose was given at 13 years of age or later** Varicella vaccination, or history of chicken pox disease, is required for grades Kdg-5th and 7th–11th in the 2009-2010 school year. Students in 6th and 12th grades are not required to be immunized against chicken pox in the 2009-2010 school year.			

Varicella (Chicken Pox) Immunization Requirement

Children who have not had chicken pox, and are attending child care, preschool, Head Start, kindergarten, and grades 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 during the 2009-2010 school year are required to show proof of varicella immunization. As displayed in the chart below, grades 6 and 12 will be added in 2010 when all grades K-12 will be included in the requirement.

Schools and child care centers will accept a parent's report that their child has had chicken pox. Children who have not had chicken pox need to be vaccinated. Parents/Guardians should contact their physician or local health department to arrange for their child to receive the vaccine. Children who receive varicella vaccine at 1-12 years of age need just one dose. Children who receive varicella vaccine beginning at 13+ years of age need two doses, spaced at least 4 weeks apart. If you have questions about varicella vaccine or this requirement, please contact the Arizona Immunization Program Office at (602) 364-3632 or, outside of Maricopa County, (866) 222-2329 (toll-free).

Implementation Schedule for Varicella Requirement

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Child Care Head Start	x	x	x	x	x	x
Kindergarten	x	x	x	x	x	x
1st Grade	x	x	x	x	x	x
2nd Grade		x	x	x	x	x
3rd Grade			x	x	x	x
4th Grade				x	x	x
5th Grade					x	x
6th Grade						x
7th Grade	x	x	x	x	x	x
8th Grade		x	x	x	x	x
9th Grade			x	x	x	x
10th Grade				x	x	x
11th Grade					x	x
12th Grade						x