

## South Carolina Immunization Requirements for School 2025-2026

The following minimum immunization requirements are necessary for a child to be admitted to any public, private, or parochial school, grades 5K-12:

Vaccine	Grade	Grade Level Requirement
Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis	5K – 12	Four (4) doses of any combination of DTP, DT, DTaP, Td, or Tdap vaccine with at least one (1) dose received on or after the fourth birthday. Refer to the currently published ACIP Catch Up Schedule for guidance on recommendations for students who are behind. For children 7 years of age and older following a catch-up schedule, three (3) doses may be acceptable.
Tdap Booster	7 – 12	One (1) dose of Tdap vaccine. This dose of Tdap may be included as one of the doses needed to meet the requirement for Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis. The vaccine must be given on or after the child's 10 <sup>th</sup> birthday.
Polio	5K – 12	Three (3) doses of oral and/or inactivated polio vaccine with at least one (1) dose received on or after the fourth birthday.
Measles, Mumps and Rubella	5K – 12	Two (2) doses of MMR vaccine with both doses received on or after the first birthday and separated by at least four (4) weeks.
Hepatitis A	5K – 5	Two (2) doses of Hepatitis A vaccine with both doses received on or after the first birthday and separated by at least six (6) months.
Hepatitis B	5K – 12	Three (3) doses of hepatitis B vaccine, with the third dose received $\geq 24$ weeks of age and at least 16 weeks after the first dose.
Varicella	5K – 11	Two (2) doses of varicella vaccine with both doses received on or after the first birthday and separated by at least four (4) weeks or a positive history of the disease.
	12	One (1) dose of varicella vaccine received on or after the first birthday or positive history of disease.

### Please note:

- For students that are 19 years of age and older follow the adult immunization schedule for compliance.
- Any references to dose intervals in the above chart are highlights from ACIP guidance and should not be substituted for the detailed guidance outlined in ACIP's Recommended Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule.
- Children enrolled in 4K programs and younger must meet Childcare Requirements, even if attendance is in a school setting.
- Children enrolled in 5K through Grade 12 must meet School Requirements.

Pursuant to Section 44-29-180, South Carolina Code of Laws, and South Carolina Regulation 61-8, "no superintendent of an institution of learning, no school board or principal of a school...may...enroll or retain a child or person who cannot produce satisfactory evidence of having been vaccinated or immunized so often as directed by the Department of Health and Environmental Control.... Records of vaccinations or immunizations must be maintained by the institution, school, or daycare facility to which the child or person has been admitted."