

Junior K and Kindergarten Immunizations Requirements

South Dakota requires all Junior Kindergarten and Kindergarten students to receive:

1. Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus vaccine— 4 or more doses.

Four or more doses of diphtheria, pertussis and tetanus containing vaccine, with at least one dose administered on or after age 4. Children 7 years and older needing the primary series only need three doses, with at least 6 months between dose two and three. If the child is 11 or older, the first dose of the primary series should be Tdap and the second and third doses should be Td, with at least 6 months between dose two and three. Children receiving six doses before age 4 do not require any additional doses for school requirements. The maximum a child should receive is six doses.

2. Polio vaccine – 4 or more doses.

Four or more doses of poliovirus vaccine, at least one dose on or after age 4; if four doses are administered prior to age 4 years, a fifth dose should be administered after age 4.

3. Measles, Mumps, and Rubella Vaccine – 2 doses.

Two doses of a measles, mumps, and rubella vaccine (MMR) or submit serological evidence of immunity. Minimum age for the first dose is 12 months. Administer the second dose routinely at age 4 through 6 years. The second dose may be administered prior to age 4 provided at least 28 days have elapsed since the first dose.

4. Varicella Vaccine –2 doses

2 doses of varicella vaccine. The minimum age for the first dose of varicella vaccine is 12 months. Administer the 2nd dose at age 4-6 years of age. The minimum interval between the two doses is three months. History of disease is acceptable with parent or guardian signature on the South Dakota Certificate of Immunization form. These forms are available at your school's office.

Please make sure your child's immunizations are up to date and they have received their kindergarten shots before the first day of school.

Please bring a copy of your child's updated immunization record to the school on registration day or to your child's school on or before the first day of school.