

## What does Hawai'i State Law require for School Attendance?

Hawai'i State Law requires all students to meet examination and immunization requirements before they may attend any public or private school in the state. School means any:

- group child care home
- day nursery
- day care center
- child care center
- Head Start program
- preschool
- kindergarten
- elementary school
- middle school
- secondary school



### Are exemptions allowed?

Children may be exempt from immunization requirements for medical or religious reasons, if the appropriate documentation is presented to the school. Religious exemption forms may be completed at the school that your child will attend. Medical exemptions must be obtained from your child's doctor. No other exemptions are allowed by the State.

## What are the health requirements?

### TUBERCULOSIS CLEARANCE:

- Must be completed within one year before first entrance into school in Hawai'i (preschool or K to 12).
- The Tuberculin test (Mantoux) must be performed by a U.S. licensed Medical Doctor (MD), Doctor of Osteopathy (DO), Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN), Physician's Assistant (PA), or The Hawai'i Department of Health.
- Infants who first attend school before age 12 months must submit a TB certificate to the school before they reach 14 months of age.

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### PHYSICAL EXAMINATION:

- Must be completed within one year before first entrance into school in Hawai'i (preschool or K to 12).
- Must be performed by a U.S. licensed MD, DO, APRN, or PA.

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### IMMUNIZATIONS:

Immunizations required for school attendance:

- **DTaP/DTP/Td** (diphtheria/tetanus/pertussis)
- **Hepatitis B**
- **Polio**
- **Hib** (*Haemophilus influenzae* type b) (for preschool attendance)
- **MMR** (measles, mumps, rubella)
- **Varicella** (chickenpox)

All immunizations must meet minimum age and interval requirements between vaccine doses.

## REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS - KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 12

VACCINE	NO. OF DOSES
DTaP or DTP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis)	5
Polio (IPV or OPV)	4
MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)	2*
Hepatitis B	3*
Varicella (chickenpox)	1 or 2 <sup>♥</sup>

Vaccine abbreviations: DTaP=Diphtheria-Tetanus-Acellular Pertussis, Polio=IPV (Inactivated poliovirus vaccine) or OPV (Oral poliovirus vaccine).

- ◆ Two doses of measles vaccine are required, with at least one of the two being MMR vaccine.
- Required for school attendance for all students born after December 31, 1992 and for 7th grade attendance.
- ♥ Effective July 1, 2002.

2 doses of varicella vaccine are required if the first dose is administered on or after the 13th birthday.

A documented history of varicella (chickenpox), signed by a U.S. licensed MD, DO, APRN, or PA, may be substituted for the varicella vaccine requirement.

**All immunizations must meet the minimum ages and intervals between vaccine doses.**

## REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS - 7TH GRADE ATTENDANCE

(Effective July 1, 2002)

VACCINE	NO. OF DOSES
Hepatitis B	3
MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella)	2
Varicella (chickenpox)	1 or 2 <sup>♥</sup>

In addition to meeting the K-12 immunization requirements upon first school attendance listed in the table above, all students must show evidence of having received these immunizations prior to 7th grade attendance. **Students who received these vaccines in infancy or childhood do not need to receive them again, as long as all doses meet the minimum age and interval requirements.**

♥ 2 doses of varicella vaccine are required if the first dose is administered on or after the 13th birthday. A documented history of varicella (chickenpox), signed by a U.S. licensed MD, DO, APRN, or PA, may be substituted for the varicella vaccine requirement.

**All immunizations must meet the minimum ages and intervals between vaccine doses.**

**TUBERCULOSIS EXAMINATION AND IMMUNIZATIONS** can be obtained from your private physician or the Public Health Nursing Clinics. Call ASK ALOHA UNITED WAY (275-2000) or the Hawaii Immunization Program (586-8332) for the location nearest you.