

WPS School Health Requirements

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

A complete physical examination (done within one year of school entry) is required of all children new to the Winthrop Public School system. Children entering Pre-K, Kindergarten, 4th, 7th, and 10th grade. Annual physicals are required for students playing team sports.

IMMUNIZATIONS, Lead Test, and TB Test/Risk Assessment

MGL Ch. 76, Sec. 15 requires that children be up to date with immunizations for school entry. The medical record must indicate the dates of immunizations – month, day, and year. Massachusetts Department of Public Health guidelines (105 CMR 460.050) also require a lead test before PreK or K entry. All children must also have a TB risk assessment or, if deemed high risk, a TB skin test or IGRA.

Immunization	Pre-K	Kindergarten	Grades 1-6	Grades 7-8	Grades 9-12
Hepatitis B	3 doses	3 doses	3 doses	3 doses	3 doses
DTap/Td	4 doses	5 doses *4 if fourth given on or after 4 th birthday	5 doses *4 if fourth given on or after 4 th birthday	5 doses *4 if fourth given on or after 4 th birthday	5 doses *4 if fourth given on or after 4 th birthday
Tdap				1 dose (required for entry to Gr. 7)	1 dose
Polio	3 doses	4 doses *4th dose must be on or after 4 th birthday.	4 doses * 3 doses are acceptable if the 3rd dose is given on or after the 4 th birthday	4 doses *3 doses are acceptable if the 3rd dose is given on or after the 4 th birthday	4 doses *3 doses are acceptable if the 3rd dose is given on or after the 4 th birthday
MMR	1 dose/proof of immunity	2 doses/proof of immunity	2 doses/proof of immunity	2 doses/proof of immunity	2 doses/ proof of immunity
Varicella	1 dose/proof of immunity	2 doses/proof of immunity	2 doses/proof of immunity	2 doses/proof of immunity	2 doses/proof of immunity
MenACWY (Meningococcal)				1 dose	2 doses *2nd dose must be given on/after 16 th birthday or 1 dose if over 16
Hib	1-4 doses				
Lead Test	Within 12 months	Previous result			
Physical Exam	Within 12 months of school entry	Within 12 months of school entry	Within 12 months of school entry	Within 12 months of school entry	Within 12 months of school entry
TB Assessment	Documented low risk or TB test result	Documented low risk or TB test result	Documented low risk or TB test result	Documented low risk or TB test result	Documented low risk or TB test result

Medical exemptions (dated statement signed by a physician stating that a vaccine(s) is medically contraindicated for a student) and religious exemptions (dated statement signed by a parent/guardian, or by the student if 18 years of age, stating that a vaccine(s) is against sincerely held religious beliefs) must be renewed annually, at the start of school.