## Immunization requirements for 2012-13

All 50 states and the District of Columbia have immunization requirements for children entering school. In Nebraska, children can't attend classes in public or private school until the school has written proof of their immunization status.

To attend school, children in Nebraska are required to be immunized against the following diseases:

- Diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis
- Polio
- · Measles, mumps, and rubella
- Hepatitis B
- Varicella (chicken pox)

Each school in Nebraska is required to keep the immunization history of the students enrolled on file.

Parents or guardians must present one of the following documents to the school to verify immunization status:

- An immunization record showing that the child is protected by age-appropriate immunizations.
- A statement signed by a physician that the required immunization would be injurious to the student or members of the student's family or household.
- An affidavit signed by a legally authorized representative stating that the immunization conflicts with the tenets and practices of a recognized religious denomination of which the student is a member.

The following are the state of Nebraska immunization requirements for the 2012-2013 school year.

- 3 doses of DTaP, DTP, DT, or Td vaccine, one given on or after the 4th birthday
- 3 doses of Polio vaccine
- 3 doses of pediatric **Hepatitis B** vaccine or 2 doses of adolescent vaccine if student is 11-15 years of age
- 2 doses of MMR or MMRV vaccine, given on or after 12 months of age and separated by at least one month
- 2 doses of varicella (chickenpox) or MMRV given on or after 12 months of age. Written
  documentation (including year) of varicella disease from parent, guardian, or health care
  provider will be accepted. If the child has had varicella disease, they do not need any
  varicella shots.
- 7th grade only 1 dose of Tdap (must contain Pertussis booster) this dose can be received any time after 10 or 11 years of age depending on which brand of vaccine is received.

For purposes of compliance with the immunization requirement, the board of education or school board or other governing authority, shall require the presentation of an immunization history containing the name of the vaccine, the month and year of administration (the month, day, and year for MMR vaccine), the name of the health practitioner, the agency where the immunization was obtained, and the signature of physician, parent, guardian, or of such other person maintaining the immunization history of the student, verifying that the student has received these vaccines.

Any student not in compliance shall not be permitted to continue in school. Exemptions may be granted for medical or religious reasons.