

Required Immunizations for School Attendance

Students registering for enrollment in the Watson Chapel School District must present a current immunization record from the Health Department or physician's clinic where the vaccinations were given. Arkansas State law states no child shall be admitted to a public or private school that has not been age appropriately immunized as designated by the State Board of Health. A school may temporarily admit a child provided that the immunization(s) is received in 30 days. Students who are 11 years old by September 1 each year are required to have a TDaP (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis) by October 1st. Students who turn 16 by September 1st are also required to have a meningitis immunization by October 1st even if they received one prior to age 16. After that time, the school must exclude the child until this documentation is received.

Parents or legal guardians who object to immunization of their child on the grounds of religious or philosophical beliefs must provide the school with a letter of exemption from the Arkansas Department of Health on the first day of school. If a student requires a medical exemption, a letter of exemption from the Arkansas Department of Health must also be submitted. Exemption forms should be requested from:

Arkansas Department of Health
4815 West Markham Street-Slot #48
Little Rock, AR 72205
Attn: CD/Immunizations

Phone 501-661-2169