

2008-2009 IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

This chart summarizes the vaccine requirements incorporated in Title 25 Health Services, 99.61-97.72 of the Texas Administrative Code. Students will not be allowed to enroll if his/her immunization records are not presented to the school upon enrollment or if the student's immunization records are not current. Cypress-Fairbanks ISD requests that the immunizations be presented at the beginning of the semester in which they are required. The following immunizations are required for all Texas students:

PPCD/SPEECH AND PRE-KINDERGARTEN

- Four doses of DPT/DTP or DT if Pertussis is medically contraindicated
- Three doses of Polio (IPV)
- One dose of MMR, on or after 1st birthday
- Three doses of HIB (a primary series with one dose on or after 1st birthday) or 1 HIB on or after 15 months
- Three doses of Hepatitis B
- One dose of Varicella, on or after 1st birthday, or parent/physician statement of chicken pox illness
- Pneumococcal Vaccine (a primary series, plus a booster if needed according to Texas immunization requirements)
- Two doses of Hepatitis A vaccine

KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 12 (K-12)

VACCINE	REQUIRED DOSES
DPT, DTaP, DT, Td	Five doses of any combination DTaP/DTP unless 4th dose was given on or after 4th birthday. <i>Students 7 years or older:</i> ▪ Three doses of any combination DTP/DTaP/DT/Td vaccine (last one after 4th birthday) ▪ One dose of Td required 10 years after last dose of DTP/DTaP/DT.
POLIO (IPV)	Four doses unless the 3rd dose was on or after 4th birthday.
MMR	Two doses of measles-containing vaccine with the first dose on or after the first birthday; second dose by age 5 or entry into kindergarten.
HEPATITIS B	Three doses are required for grades K-12.
VARICELLA	One dose on or after 1st birthday for grades K-12. Two doses if vaccine given at 13 years or older. Serologic proof of immunity or documentation of previous illnesses may substitute for vaccination.

Receipt of the dose up to (and including) four days before the birthday will satisfy the school entry immunization requirement.

EXEMPTIONS

The law allows (a) physicians to write a statement stating that the vaccine(s) required would be medically harmful or injurious to the health and well-being of the child, and (b) parents/guardians to choose an exemption from immunization requirements for reasons of conscience, including a religious belief. The law does not allow parents/guardians to elect an exemption simply because of inconvenience (a record is lost or incomplete and it is too much trouble to go to a physician or clinic to correct the problem).

For children needing medical exemptions, an official document signed by the physician should be submitted to the school.

Instructions for the affidavit to be signed by parents/guardians choosing the exemption for reasons of conscience, including a religious belief, can be found at www.ImmunizeTexas.com.

New student registration for 2008 begins Aug. 11

Registration for the 2008-2009 school year will be held Aug. 11, 12, 14, 15, 18, 19 and 20 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at all schools. (There is no registration on Wednesday, Aug. 13).

For the 2008-2009 school year, children entering the first grade must be 6 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2008, and children entering kindergarten for the first time must be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2008.

Parents are expected to accompany their children during registration. Any parent who is unsure which school his/her children is zoned to attend, may contact the coordinator of mapping and student enrollment at 281-517-2187 for assistance. For general questions regarding registration, please call 281-517-6006.

Students enrolling in the school district for the first time will need the following information at the time of registration:

- a certified copy of the child's birth certificate from the Bureau of Vital Statistics (see City of Houston Bureau of Vital Statistics to obtain a birth certificate if born in the city of Houston);
- a current immunization record;
- a parent's photo ID;
- a proof of residency (a current electric, gas or water bill if living in a house or a lease agreement if residing in an apartment);
- a social security card for each child, if available;
- TAKS scores; and
- report card from former school.

Registration forms can be downloaded at www.cfisd.net

In addition, high school students registering in grades 10-12 are strongly encouraged to bring an unofficial transcript when they register. The unofficial transcript will help students register for the correct courses they will need in order to fulfill their graduation requirements.

Pre-kindergarten

CFISD provides a state-funded half-day pre-kindergarten program for students whose economic situation or limited English proficiency might impede their success in school. Through pre-kindergarten experiences, these children are provided with the extra academic support needed to prepare them for kindergarten.

To qualify for enrollment in a pre-kindergarten class, a child must be 4 years of age on or before Sept. 1, 2008, and meet at least one of the following criteria:

- the child is unable to speak and comprehend the English language;
- the child is economically disadvantaged based on family income, food stamp/TANF case number, or documented foster child;
- the child is homeless; or
- the child has a parent who is an active duty member of the military.

Transportation is provided to and from school. Students who qualify by income are eligible for free or reduced meals.

Pre-kindergarten registration

Registration for the 2008-2009 pre-kindergarten classes will be held only at the 36 pre-kindergarten campuses. The dates and times for registration are Aug. 11, 12, 14, 15, 18-20, 2008, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., located at the following elementary schools: Adam, Andre', Bane, Black, Danish, Duryea, Emmott, Farney, Francone, Frazier, Gleason, Hairgrove, Hemmenway, Holbrook, Holmsley, Horne, Jowell, Kirk, Lamkin, Lee, Lieder, Matzke, McFee, Metcalf, Millsap, Owens, Post, Postma, Reed, M. Robinson, Sheridan, Tipps, Walker, Willbern, Wilson and Yeager.

Students registering for pre-kindergarten based on the inability to speak English will be given a language test. If applying for admission based on limited income, please bring:

- current payroll check stub (during the month prior to verification);
- current pay envelope; or
- a letter from employer stating gross wages paid and how often they are paid.

Acceptable documentation for self-employment is: last year's tax return (W-2) or business or farming documents, such as ledger books and/or self-issued paycheck stub. Students will be assigned to either morning or afternoon classes depending on the residential zone in which they live.

Parents/guardians seeking additional information or clarification to determine qualifications for the pre-kindergarten program should call their neighborhood elementary school or call the pre-kindergarten/kindergarten hotline at 281-517-2645.

Kindergarten

Additionally, the district offers a full-day kindergarten program at all campuses for children who are 5 years of age on or before Sept. 1, 2008. Students receive a balanced program consisting of language arts, math, science, social studies, health, physical education, music, art and technology.

For more information on registering a student for the 2008-2009 school year, call 281-897-4148 or contact your neighborhood school.

Registration information is also available online at www.cfisd.net.