

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW STUDENTS ENTERING BROOKLINE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Student Health Services

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Welcome to the Brookline Public Schools. Health Services invites you to partner with your school nurse, to promote an optimal educational opportunity for your child, that is supported by a coordinated and comprehensive school health program.

Massachusetts Department of Public Health requires that a student may enter school only after the following requirements are met:

- **Health History** completed by parent/guardian prior to enrollment.
- **Physical Examination** performed and signed by a US health care provider completed within one year *prior* to entry.
- **Lead level and vision screening** completed before entry to kindergarten. Your health care provider is required to test your child's vision. Please have your PCP include the results with the immunization record or physical exam.
- **Immunization** documentation must be translated and is required before entry. Dates must include month and year and in some cases, exact day may be necessary to fully establish your child's immune status. (Schedule below).

Please arrange to meet with your school nurse to plan for any special health care needs or for the administration of any essential medications or procedures that are prescribed during the school day.

Massachusetts Department of Public Health School Immunization Regulations

REQUIRED for SCHOOL ENTRY 2016-2017

	Preschool/PK	Kindergarten	Grades 1-6	Grades 7-12
Hepatitis B	3 doses	3 doses	3 doses	3 doses
DTaP/DPT/DT/Td¹	≥4 doses	≥4 doses	≥4 doses	≥4 doses plus 1 Tdap booster
Polio²	≥3 doses	≥3 doses	≥3 doses	≥3 doses
Hib	1-4 doses	--	--	--
MMR³	1 dose measles 1 dose mumps 1 dose rubella	2 doses measles 2 doses mumps 2 doses rubella	Gr 1-5: 2 doses Gr 6: 2 doses measles 1 dose mumps, rubella	2 doses
Varicella³	1 dose	2 doses	Gr. 1-5: 2 doses Gr. 6: 1 dose	2 doses

¹Five doses unless 4th dose was given after 4th birthday, then only 4 doses.

²Four doses unless 3rd dose was given after 4th birthday, then only 3 doses.

³ Measles and Varicella vaccinations must have been given on or after 1st birthday.

* **Two doses of MMR and two doses Varicella or MMRV combined is highly recommended.**

(Physician verification of disease or serologic proof of immunity is acceptable.)