

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION RULES GOVERNING KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 12TH GRADE IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS IN ARKANSAS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.01 The purpose of these rules is to establish the requirements and procedures for governing grades Kindergarten through 12th Twelve (K-12) immunization requirements in Arkansas Public Schools.
- ~~1.02 Immunizations against poliomyelitis, diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, red (rubeola) measles, mumps, rubella, varicella (chickenpox), haemophilus influenza type b, hepatitis B, hepatitis A, meningococcal, and pneumococcal, and other communicable diseases have resulted in a dramatic decrease in the incidence of these diseases in Arkansas. However, these diseases continue to occur in childcare facilities, schools, and colleges and universities. A requirement that children and students furnish proof that they have immunity against certain communicable diseases will reduce the potential for an outbreak of these diseases.~~

2.0 REGULATORY AUTHORITY

- 2.01 ~~The following Rules governing Kindergarten through 12th grade immunization requirements in Arkansas Public Schools are duly adopted and promulgated by the Arkansas State Board of Education pursuant to the State Board of Education's authority expressly conferred by the laws of the State of Arkansas including, without limitation, under Ark. Code Ann. § 20-7-109, Ark. Code Ann. §§ 6-11-105, 6-18-702, and 25-15-201 et seq. Ark. Code Ann. §§ 6-60-501—504, and Ark. Code Ann. § 20-78-206.~~

3.0 REQUIREMENTS

- 3.01 Except as otherwise provided in these rules, no child shall be admitted to a public school of this state who has not been immunized against the following, as evidenced by an immunization record from a licensed physician or a public health department (See Table I): poliomyelitis, diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, red (rubeola) measles, rubella, mumps, hepatitis B, hepatitis A, meningococcal disease and varicella (chickenpox) (See Table I)., as evidenced by an immunization record from a licensed physician or a public health department acknowledging the immunization.

3.01.1 Poliomyelitis:

3.01.2 Diphtheria:

3.01.3 Tetanus:

- 3.01.4 Pertussis:
- 3.01.5 Red (rubeola) measles:
- 3.01.6 Rubella:
- 3.01.7 Mumps:
- 3.01.8 Hepatitis B:
- 3.01.9 Hepatitis A:
- 3.01.10 Meningococcal disease; and
- 3.01.11 Varicella (chickenpox).

3.02 The requirements for entry into school are:

~~3.02.1 For students entering into Kindergarten: At least four doses of Diphtheria/Tetanus/Acellular Pertussis (DTaP), Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis (DTP), or Diphtheria/Tetanus (DT pediatric) vaccine; at least three doses of Polio vaccine; two doses of MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella) vaccine; three doses of Hepatitis B vaccine; one dose of Hepatitis A; and two doses of Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine. A medical professional's [medical doctor (MD), advanced practice nurse (APN), doctor of osteopathy (DO), or physician assistant (PA)] history of disease may be accepted in lieu of receiving Varicella vaccine. No self or parental history of varicella disease will be accepted (See Table I). Exception: If a student has previously received two doses of measles, one dose of mumps and one dose of rubella before January 1, 2010, the doses will be accepted as compliant to immunization requirements and 2 MMRs are not required.~~

3.02.1.1 At least four doses of the following vaccines:

- 3.02.1.1.1 Diphtheria/Tetanus/Acellular Pertussis (DTaP);
- 3.02.1.1.2 Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis (DTP); or
- 3.02.1.1.3 Diphtheria/Tetanus (DT pediatric).

3.02.1.2 At least three doses of Polio vaccine;

3.02.1.3 Three doses of Hepatitis B vaccine;

3.02.1.4 Two doses of Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR) vaccine;

3.02.1.4.1 If a student received two doses of measles, one dose of mumps, and one dose of rubella prior to January 1, 2010, the doses will be accepted as compliant with Section 3.02.1.4

3.02.1.5 Two doses of Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine; and

3.02.1.5.1 A history of disease may be accepted in lieu of receiving the Varicella vaccine.

3.02.1.5.2 The history of disease must be provided by a medical doctor (MD), advanced practice nurse (APN), doctor of osteopathy (DO), or physician assistant (PA).

3.02.1.5.3 No student, parent, or guardian history of varicella disease will be accepted (See Table I).

3.02.1.6 One dose of Hepatitis A vaccine.

3.02.2 For students entering into grades One through Twelve (1-12):1st through 12th grade: At least three or four doses of Diphtheria/Tetanus/Acellular Pertussis (DTaP), Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis (DTP), Diphtheria/Tetanus (DT-pediatric), Tetanus/Diphtheria (Td-adult) or Tetanus/Diphtheria/Acellular Pertussis (Tdap) and one dose of Tdap for ages 11 years (as of September 1st each year) and older or 3 doses for unvaccinated persons 7 years of age or older (including persons who cannot document prior vaccination); at least three doses of Polio vaccine; two doses of MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella) vaccine, two or three doses of Hepatitis B vaccine; one dose of Hepatitis A for First Grade; two doses of varicella vaccine; and one or two doses of Meningococcal vaccine with one dose for 7th grade and a second dose of Meningococcal vaccine at age 16 years (as of September 1st each year). However, if the first dose of Meningococcal vaccine is administered at age 16 years or older, no second dose is required; or if not vaccinated prior to age 16 years, one dose is required. A medical professional's [medical doctor (MD), advanced practice nurse (APN), doctor of osteopathy (DO), or physician assistant (PA)] history of disease may

~~be accepted in lieu of receiving Varicella vaccine. No self or parental history of varicella disease will be accepted. (See Table I). Exception: If a student has previously received two doses of measles, one dose of mumps and one dose of rubella before January 1, 2010, the doses will be accepted as compliant to immunization requirements and 2 MMRs are not required.~~

3.02.2.1 No fewer than three doses of:

3.02.2.1.1 Diphtheria/Tetanus/Acellular Pertussis (DTaP):

3.02.1.1.2 Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis (DTP):

3.02.1.1.3 Diphtheria/Tetanus (DT pediatric):

3.02.1.1.4 Tetanus/Diphtheria (Td-adult); or

3.02.1.1.5 Tetanus/Diphtheria/Acellular Pertussis (Tdap).

3.02.2.2 One dose of Tetanus/Diphtheria/Acellular Pertussis (Tdap) for students who are eleven (11) years old as of September 1, and for students older than eleven (11) years if the student has not received the dose of Tdap at age eleven.

3.02.2.2.1 If a student is unvaccinated and age seven (7) or older, the student must receive one dose of Tetanus/Diphtheria/Acellular Pertussis (Tdap) and two doses of Tetanus/Diphtheria (Td-adult).

3.02.2.2.2 Students who cannot document prior vaccination must be vaccinated as stated in Section 3.02.2.2.1.

3.02.2.3 At least three doses of Polio vaccine, with the final dose received after 4 years of age;

3.02.2.4 Two doses of Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR) vaccine:

3.02.2.4.1 If a student has previously received two doses of measles, one dose of mumps and one dose of rubella before January 1, 2010, the doses will be accepted as compliant to immunization requirements and 2 MMRs are not required.

3.02.2.5 Two doses of Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine;

3.02.2.5.1 A documented history of disease may be accepted in lieu of receiving the Varicella vaccine.

3.02.2.5.2 The history of disease must be provided by a medical doctor (MD), advanced practice nurse (APN), doctor of osteopathy (DO), or physician assistant (PA).

3.02.2.5.3 No student, parent, or guardian history of varicella disease will be accepted (See Table I).

3.02.2.6 No fewer than two doses of Hepatitis B vaccine:

3.02.2.7 Meningococcal vaccine:

3.02.2.7.1 Each student must have one dose to enroll in Seventh Grade.

3.02.2.7.2 Each student age sixteen (16) on September 1 must receive a second dose, unless the first dose was administered at age sixteen (16) or older.

3.02.2.7.2.1 If the first vaccine is administered at age sixteen (16) or older, no second dose is required.

3.02.2.8 Each student must **receive** at least one dose of Hepatitis A to enroll in First Grade.

~~3.02.3 7th Seventh grade: In addition to the vaccines requirements listed under 1st First through 12th Twelfth grade, one dose of Meningococcal vaccine (See Table I.)~~

~~3.03 Every child must have received all of the vaccines, be in process of receiving needed doses listed in Table 1, show proof that they have a letter from the Arkansas Department of Health approving serology as proof of immunity, or applied for an exemption for those vaccines he or she has not received in order to continue attendance in a public school. If the child does not meet the immunization requirements for entering a public school, refer the child to a medical authority (private doctor or health department) for immunization or consultation.~~

3.03 If a student has not met the immunization requirements for enrolling in a public school, the student should be referred to a medical authority, such as a private

doctor or the health department, for immunization or consultation.

- 3.04 ~~A facility school may temporarily admit a child student if: provided that the child becomes appropriately immunized, is in process of receiving the needed doses of vaccine, or shows proof that they have applied for an exemption for those vaccines he/she has not received within thirty (30) calendar days after the child's original admission or by October 1st for Tdap and Meningococcal at age 11 and 16 years respectively. "In process" means the student has received at least one dose of the required immunizations and is waiting the minimum time interval to receive the additional doses. When a student is admitted who is in the process of completing the required minimum immunizations, the facility shall require each student to complete the required doses on schedule. A written statement from a public health nurse or private physician stating that the student is in process and containing a date when he/she must return for the next immunization shall be in the student's file. If a student does not produce documentation of additional immunizations per the schedule or show proof that they have applied for an exemption from the immunization requirements, they must be excluded from the facility until documentation is provided. The immunization series does not need to be restarted as each dose of vaccine counts toward the minimum requirements.~~

3.04.1 The student is in the process of receiving the needed doses of the required vaccines; or

3.04.1.1 If a student is admitted and is in the process of completing the required minimum immunizations, the school shall require the student to complete the required doses on schedule.

3.04.1.2 The school shall keep a written statement from a medical professional verifying that the student is in the process of completing the required minimum immunizations and stating a date when the student must receive the next immunization.

3.04.1.3 For purposes of these Rules, "in process" means the student has received at least one dose of the required immunizations and is waiting the minimum time interval to receive the additional doses.

3.04.2 The student has applied for an exemption for the vaccines the student has not received within thirty (30) calendar days after the child's admission, or by October 1 for Tdap and Meningococcal at age eleven and sixteen.

3.05 If the student does not provide documentation under Section 3.04.1.2, or show proof that the student has received an exemption from the immunization requirements, the student must be excluded from the school

until the documentation is provided.

~~3.05 School officials should evaluate the immunization status of all children in their facilities. Table I is used to determine if the child meets the immunization requirements to enter school.~~

~~3.06 School boards, superintendents, and principals shall be responsible for enforcing immunization requirements with respect to kindergarten through grade 12 (K-12) within public schools.~~

4.0 DOCUMENTATION FOR IMMUNIZATION OR PROOF OF IMMUNITY

4.01 The following documentation of immunizations is required:

~~4.01.1 Immunization records may be stored on a computer database, such as the Arkansas Public School Computer Network (APSCN). A copy of the original source document or a copy from the immunization provider's medical record shall be placed in a permanent file. The immunization record printed off the statewide immunization registry with the Official Seal of the State of Arkansas is considered an official immunization record and is approved for placement in a permanent file as source documentation. It shall be the responsibility of the entity to maintain a list of individuals not appropriately immunized and a list of individuals with medical, religious or philosophical exemptions.~~

4.01.1 A copy of the original source document or a copy from the immunization provider's medical record shall be placed in the student's permanent record.

4.01.2.1 A school shall only accept a record provided by a licensed physician, the health department, a military service, or an official record from another Arkansas educational entity.

4.01.2.1.1 The record must state the vaccine type and the dates of vaccine administration.

4.01.2.1.2 Terms such as "up-to-date", "complete", "adequate", or other similar terms shall not be accepted as proof of immunization.

4.01.2.2 The immunization record printed off of the statewide immunization registry with the Official Seal of the State of Arkansas is an approved immunization record.

~~4.01.2 The only proof of immunizations to be accepted shall be an immunization record provided by a licensed physician, health department, military service, or an official record from another educational institution in Arkansas, acknowledging the same, stating the vaccine type and dates of vaccine administration must be provided and entered on the school record. Terms such as "up-to-date", "complete", "adequate", etc. are not to be accepted as proof of immunization.~~

4.02 The following documentation for proof of immunity is required:

4.02.1 Serologic testing is shall only be accepted as proof of immunity only applicable to for the following: Hepatitis B virus, Measles, Mumps, Rubella and Varicella. Any individual who has immunity to Hepatitis B, Measles, Mumps, Rubella and/or Varicella as documented by appropriate serological testing shall not be required to have the vaccine for that disease.

4.02.1.1 Hepatitis B virus;

4.02.1.2 Measles;

4.02.1.3 Mumps;

4.02.1.4 Rubella; and

4.02.1.5 Varicella (chickenpox).

4.02.2 Any individual who has immunity to any of the diseases listed in Section 4.02.1, as documented by appropriate serological testing, shall not be required to have the vaccine for that disease.

4.02.23 The student, parent, or guardian shall submit a A copy of the serological test should be submitted to the Arkansas Department of Health, Immunization Section, along with a letter requesting that the serological test be accepted as proof of immunity in lieu of receiving vaccine for the disease indicated on the serological test. After review by the Medical Director, Immunization Section, a letter indicating approval or denial will be sent to the individual, parent, or guardian and it will be that person's responsibility for informing the school. For approvals, annual approval is not required and a copy of the letter should be placed in the student's permanent file. For denials, the student must receive the required immunization or request an exemption.

4.02.3.1 After review by the Medical Director, Immunization Section, a letter indicating approval or denial of the proof

of immunity is sent to the individual, parent, or guardian and it is that person's responsibility to inform the school of the approval or denial.

4.02.3.2 If the proof of immunity is approved, no annual approval is required.

4.02.3.3 If the proof of immunity is approved, the school shall maintain a copy of the approval letter in the student's permanent record.

4.02.3.4 If the proof of immunity is denied, the student must receive the required immunization or request an exemption from the Arkansas Department of Health.

4.03 An individual who has lost his/her immunization records or whose serology test results are unavailable shall be properly immunized for those diseases or will be required to show proof that they have applied for an exemption for those vaccines he/she has not received.

4.04 Each public school shall maintain a list of individuals not appropriately immunized and a list of individuals with medical, religious or philosophical exemptions.

4.05 Immunization records may be stored on a computer database, such as the Arkansas Public School Computer Network (APSCN).

5.0 EXEMPTIONS

5.01 General Requirements

5.01.1 Exemptions shall be granted only by the Arkansas Department of Health.

5.01.2 Individuals shall complete an annual application for medical, religious, and philosophical exemptions.

5.01.3 A notarized statement by the individual requesting the exemption must accompany the application.

5.01.4 All individuals requesting an exemption must complete an educational component developed by the Department of Health that includes information on the risks and benefits of vaccinations.

5.01.5 All individuals must sign an "informed consent" form provided by the Department of Health that includes:

- 5.01.5.1 A statement of refusal to vaccinate;
- 5.01.5.2 A statement of understanding that at the discretion of the Department of Health the non-immunized child or individual may be removed from the applicable facility, for no fewer than twenty-one (21) days, (for 21 days or longer) during an outbreak if the child or individual is not fully vaccinated; and
- 5.01.5.3 A statement of understanding that the child or individual shall not return to the applicable facility until the outbreak has been resolved and the Department of Health approves the return.

5.02 Medical Exemptions

5.02.1 Only a letter issued by the Medical Director, Immunization Section of the Arkansas Department of Health, stating the vaccine(s) ~~or vaccines~~ for which a ~~child~~/student is exempt is to be accepted as a valid medical exemption by the school. ~~Statements from private physicians are not to be accepted by the school without this letter. In addition to the general requirements found in section 5.01, the Immunization Section's standard form for medical exemptions must be submitted to the Immunization Section. This form is available from the Immunization Section of the Department of Health upon request.~~

5.02.2 Statements from private physicians shall not be accepted by the school as proof of a medical exemption unless accompanied by a letter issued by the Medical Director, Immunization Section of the Arkansas Department of Health.

5.02.3 In addition to the general requirements of Section 5.01 of these Rules, individuals seeking a medical exemption must submit the Immunization Section's standard form for medical exemptions.

5.02.3.1 This form is available from the Immunization Section upon request.

5.03 Religious Exemptions

5.03.4]In addition to the general requirements found in section Section 5.01 of these Rules, ~~the Department of Health,~~ individuals seeking a religious exemption must submit the Immunization Section's standard form for religious exemptions ~~must be submitted to the Immunization Section. This form is available from the Immunization Section upon request.~~

5.03.1.1 This form is available from the Immunization Section upon request.

5.04 Philosophical Exemptions

5.04.1 In addition to the general requirements found in ~~section~~ Section 5.01 of these Rules, individuals seeking a philosophical exemption must submit the Department of Health Immunization Section's standard form for philosophical exemptions must be submitted to the Immunization Section. *This form is available from the Immunization Section upon request.*

5.04.1.1 This form is available from the Immunization Section upon request.

6.0 ~~EXCLUSION FROM FACILITIES~~ SCHOOL

~~6.01~~ Public Schools

6.01 Each school must maintain an accurate and current list of all students who have obtained an exemption from the vaccinations requirements and who are in the process of obtaining the vaccination requirements.

6.02 If the Department of Health determines that a possibility of disease transmission exists, individuals who have an exemption or who are in the process of obtaining the vaccinations will be excluded from the school.

6.02.1 Students who have had the disease as verified by appropriate serological testing will not be excluded from the school.

6.02.2 Students who are excluded from school under Section 6.02 shall not return to school until the possibility of disease transmission has been controlled and the Department of Health approves the return.

6.02.3 Students who are excluded from school under Section 6.02 shall not be dismissed or dropped from the attendance records of the school or school district in accordance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-18-213(f).

6.02.4 Absences accrued due to exclusion under Section 6.02 shall be counted as excused or unexcused absences in accordance with the school's attendance policy.

6.01.1 Each facility must maintain an accurate and current list of all exempt and deficient individuals. Individuals who are exempt or deficient (except those who have had the disease as verified by appropriate serological testing) will be excluded from the facility if the Department of Health determines that a possibility of disease transmission exists. The exempt or

~~deficient child or individual shall not return to the facility (for 21 days or longer) until the possibility of disease transmission has been controlled and the Department of Health approves the return.~~

~~6.01.2 If a child is excluded from a facility pursuant to Section 6.01.1 of these rules, he or she shall not be dismissed or dropped from the attendance records of the school, school district, or open enrollment charter school in accordance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-18-213(f).~~

~~6.01.2.1 Absences accrued due to exclusion from a facility pursuant to Section 6.01.1 of these rules shall be counted as excused or unexcused in accordance with the attendance policy of the school, school district, or open enrollment charter school.~~

7.0 REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

7.01 In order to identify areas where additional emphasis is needed and to measure levels of immunization compliance, the Arkansas Department of Health will conduct annual assessments in schools. ~~The entity's cooperation in completing these surveys and audits is required.~~

7.01.1 Public schools are required to cooperate in completing these surveys and audits.

7.02 Each public school shall create and maintain a report that provides information regarding the:

7.02.1 Number and percentage of students within the public school who have been granted from the Department of Health an exemption from the requirement to obtain one (1) or more vaccinations.

7.02.2 The number and percentage of students within the public school who have:

7.02.2.1 Failed to provide to the public school proof of the vaccinations required: and

7.02.2.2 Not obtained an exemption from the Department of Health.

7.03 The report required under Section 7.02 must be updated by December 1 each year and be posted and available to the public online.

**TABLE I
KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE TWELVE IMMUNIZATION
REQUIREMENTS***

Vaccine ▶ ----- --- Grade ▼	Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTP/DT/Td/ DTaP/Tdap)	Polio (OPV – Oral or IPV – Inactivated)	MMR*** ** (Measles, Mumps, and Rubella)	Hep B	Meningoco ccal(MCV4)	Varicella	Hepatitis A
Kinderg arten	4 doses (with 1 dose on or after 4 th birthday)	3 doses (with 1 dose on or after 4 th birthday) with a minimum interval of 6 months between the 2 nd and 3 rd dose OR 4 doses with 1 dose on or after 4 th birthday and a minimum interval of 6 months between the 3 rd and 4 th dose.	2 doses (with dose 1 on or after 1 st birthday and dose 2 at least 28 days after dose 1)	3 doses	None	2 doses (with dose 1 on or after 1 st birthday and dose 2 at least 28 days after dose 1) *****A medical professiona l history of disease will be accepted in lieu of vaccine.	1 dose on or after 1 st birthday
Grades 1 – 12	4 doses (with 1 dose on or after 4 th birthday) AND 1 dose of Tdap for ages 10 <u>11</u> years (as of	3 doses (with 1 dose on or after 4 th birthday with a minimum interval of 6 months between the 2 nd and 3 rd dose)	2 doses (with dose 1 on or after 1 st birthday and dose 2 at least 28 days after dose 1)	2** or 3*** doses (11-15 year olds could be on a 2- dose schedu	Second dose at age 16 years (as of September 1 st each year) with a minimum interval of 8 weeks since 1 st dose	2 doses (with dose 1 on or after 1 st birthday and dose 2 at least 28 days after dose 1) OR	Grade 1 only: 1 dose on or after 1 st birthday

	<p>September 1st each year) and older</p> <p>OR</p> <p>3 doses of <u>Tdap/Td</u> ***** for persons 7 years of age or older who are not fully vaccinated (including persons who cannot document prior vaccination)</p>	<p>OR</p> <p>4 doses with 1 dose on or after 4th birthday and a minimum interval of 6 months between the 3rd and 4th dose.</p>		le)	<p>OR</p> <p>1 dose if not vaccinated prior to age 16 years (If first dose is administered at age 16 years or older, no second dose is required.)</p>	<p>*****A medical professional history of disease may be accepted in lieu of receiving vaccine.</p>	
Grade 7	<p>4 doses (with 1 dose on or after 4th birthday)</p> <p>and</p> <p>1 dose of Tdap****</p> <p>OR</p> <p>3 doses of <u>Tdap/Td</u>***** *** for persons 7 years of age or older who are not fully immunized (including persons who cannot document prior vaccination)</p>	<p>3 doses (with 1 dose on or after 4th birthday with a minimum interval of 6 months between the 2nd and 3rd dose)</p> <p>OR</p> <p>4 doses with 1 dose on or after 4th birthday and a minimum interval of 6 months between the 3rd and 4th dose.</p>	<p>2 doses (with dose 1 on or after 1st birthday and dose 2 at least 28 days after dose 1)</p>	<p>2** or 3*** doses (11-15 year olds could be on a 2-dose schedule)</p>	<p>1 dose</p>	<p>2 doses (with dose 1 on or after 1st birthday and dose 2 at least 28 days after dose 1)</p> <p>OR</p> <p>*****A medical professional history of disease may be accepted in lieu of receiving vaccine.</p>	NONE

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*Doses of vaccine required for school entry may be less than the number of doses required for age-appropriate immunization.

**An alternative two-dose hepatitis B schedule for 11-15 year-old children may be substituted for the three-dose schedule. Only a FDA-approved alternative regimen vaccine for the two-dose series may be used to meet this requirement. If you are unsure if a particular child's two-dose schedule is acceptable, please contact the Immunization Section for assistance at 501-661-2169.

*** 3rd dose of hepatitis B should be given at least 8 weeks after the 2nd dose, at least 16 weeks after the 1st dose, and it should not be administered before the child is 24 weeks (168 days) of age. (All 3rd doses of hepatitis B vaccine given earlier than 6 months of age before 6/21/96 are valid doses and should be counted as valid until 6/21/2014.)

**** Tdap vaccine can be administered regardless of the interval since the last tetanus and diphtheria toxoid-containing vaccine.

***** Exception: If a student has previously received two doses of measles, one dose of mumps and one dose of rubella before January 1, 2010, the doses will be accepted as compliant to immunization requirements and 2 MMRs are not required.

***** A medical professional is a medical doctor (MD), advanced practice nurse (APN), doctor of osteopathy (DO), or physician assistant (PA). No self or parental history of disease will be accepted.

***** For unvaccinated persons 7 years of age and older (including persons who cannot document prior vaccination), the primary series is 3 doses. The first two doses should be separated by at least 4 weeks, and the third dose at least 6 months after the second. One of these doses (preferably the first) should be administered as Tdap and the remaining two doses administered as Td.

Vaccine doses administered up to 4 days before the minimum interval for age can be counted as valid for doses already administered. Exception: the minimum interval between doses of live vaccines (such as MMR and Varicella) must be 28 days.

If the child does not meet the immunization requirements for entering school, the school shall refer the child to a medical authority (private doctor or health department) for immunization or consultation for when the immunization is due.

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1786

5 By: Representative Boyd
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT CONCERNING IMMUNIZATIONS REQUIRED FOR *PUBLIC*
9 *AND PRIVATE* SCHOOL STUDENTS; TO REQUIRE A *PUBLIC OR*
10 *PRIVATE*: SCHOOL TO CREATE AND MAINTAIN A REPORT THAT
11 PROVIDES CERTAIN INFORMATION REGARDING THE NUMBER AND
12 PERCENTAGE OF *STUDENTS WITHIN THE PUBLIC OR PRIVATE*
13 *SCHOOL WHO* HAVE AN EXEMPTION FROM THE REQUIREMENT TO
14 OBTAIN *VACCINATIONS AND THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF*
15 *STUDENTS WITHIN THE PUBLIC OR PRIVATE SCHOOL WHO HAVE*
16 *NEITHER PROVIDED PROOF OF VACCINATION NOR OBTAINED AN*
17 *EXEMPTION FROM THE REQUIREMENT TO OBTAIN*
18 *VACCINATIONS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.*

Subtitle

21 *TO REQUIRE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SCHOOLS TO*
22 *REPORT CERTAIN INFORMATION REGARDING THE*
23 *NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS WHO*
24 *HAVE EXEMPTIONS FROM OR HAVE NOT PROVIDED*
25 *PROOF OF REQUIRED VACCINATIONS.*

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29 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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31 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative intent.

32 The General Assembly finds that:

33 (1) Forty-six (46) states throughout the United States allow
34 exemptions based on religious or philosophical beliefs to vaccination
35 requirements for public and private school students;

36 (2) Continued allowance for exemptions to vaccination



1 requirements for public and private school students creates the opportunity
2 for outbreaks of a number of preventable diseases, which poses a nationwide
3 health crisis; and

4 (3) Reasonable steps should be taken in order to fully inform
5 parents and legal guardians of public and private school students regarding
6 the number and percentage of students within a public or private school who
7 have been granted exemptions from or have failed to fulfill the requirement
8 to obtain certain vaccinations in order to attend public or private school in
9 Arkansas.

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11 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-18-702(b), concerning the responsibility
12 of public schools to enforce provisions of the law with respect to required
13 immunizations of public school students, is amended to add an additional
14 subdivision to read as follows:

15 (3)(A) A public or private school shall create and maintain a
16 report that provides information regarding the:

17 (i) Number of students within the public or private
18 school who have been granted from the Department of Health under subsection
19 (d) of this section an exemption from the requirement to obtain one (1) or
20 more vaccinations as required under this section; and

21 (ii) Percentage of students within the public or
22 private school who have been granted from the Department of Health under
23 subsection (d) of this section an exemption from the requirement to obtain
24 one (1) or more vaccinations as required under this section.

25 (B) The report required under subdivision (b)(3)(A) of
26 this section shall:

27 (i) Be updated by December 1 of each year;

28 (ii) Be posted and available to the public online;

29 (iii) Include the number of students within the
30 public or private school who have:

31 (a) Failed to provide to the public or private
32 school proof of the vaccinations required under this section; and

33 (b) Not obtained an exemption from the
34 Department of Health under this section; and

35 (iv) Include the percentage of students within the
36 public or private school who have:

1 (a) Failed to provide to the public or private
2 school proof of the vaccinations required under this section; and
3 (b) Not obtained an exemption from the
4 Department of Health under this section.

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