School Vaccination Requirements For Attendance In Pennsylvania Schools

For Attendance In All Grades Children Need The Following:

4 doses of tetanus, diphtheria, and acellular pertussis
(1 dose on or after the 4th birthday)
*Usually given as DTP or DTaP or if medically, DT or Td*

4 doses of polio (4th dose on or after the 4th birthday and at least 6 months after previous dose given)  
*A forth dose is not necessary if the third dose was administered at age 4 years or older and at least 6 months after previous dose.*

2 doses of measles, mumps, and rubella (*Usually given as MMR*)

3 doses of hepatitis

2 doses of varicella (chickenpox) or evidence of immunity

**On the First day of School, unless the child has a medical or religious/philosophical exemption, a child must have had at least one dose of the above vaccinations or risk exclusion.**

For Attendance in 7th Grade:

1 dose of tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap) on the first day of 7th grade.

1 dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV) on the first day of seventh grade.

For Attendance in 12th Grade

1 dose of MCV on the first day of 12th grade. If one dose was given at 16 years of age or older, that shall count as the 12th grade dose.

ON THE FIRST DAY OF 7th AND 12th GRADE, a child must have had the above vaccines or risk exclusion, unless the child has a medical or religious/philosophical exemption.

*These requirements allow for the following exemptions: medical reason, religious belief, or philosophical/strong moral or ethical conviction. Even if your child is exempt from immunizations, he or she may be excluded from school during an outbreak of vaccine preventable disease.*

*Pennsylvania’s school immunization requirements can be found in 28 Pa.CODE CH.23 (School Immunization). Contact your healthcare provider or call 1-877-PA-HEALTH for more information.*