

# Arlington Public Schools

## School Entry Health Documentation Requirements

Arlington Public Schools (APS) and the State of Virginia require students entering school for the first time to provide the following health documentation:

1. **Physical Examination:** [http://apsva.us/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/school\\_entrance\\_form.pdf](http://apsva.us/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/school_entrance_form.pdf)  
A physical exam (completed no earlier than one year prior to school entry) is required for all new students entering pre-school through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Additionally, a new physical exam is required for ALL kindergarten students, even if the student previously provided one upon entry into an APS pre-school program.
  
2. **Tuberculosis Screening:**  
Documentation of a negative TB risk assessment (<https://www.apsva.us/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/TB-Risk-Assessment-for-Students-Updated-2.18.pdf>) OR the results of a TB screening (skin or blood) test completed no earlier than one year prior to school entry is required for all new APS students. If the TB screening test is positive, a symptoms assessment is required prior to entry and a chest x-ray is required within 21 days after starting school. Students previously registered in APS as preschoolers must have a negative TB risk assessment or TB screening test completed no earlier than one year prior to the first day of kindergarten.
  
3. **Immunizations:**  
There are numerous immunizations required for school entry. General vaccination requirements are shown below. For more specific details about these requirements, refer to this website:  
<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/immunization/requirements/>
  - a. **Diphtheria, Tetanus, & Pertussis (DTaP, DTP, or Tdap)** – a minimum of 4 DTP/DTaP (Diphtheria /Tetanus/ Pertussis) with one on/after the 4th birthday OR 3 Tds (Tetanus/ Diphtheria) if 7 years or older. A Tdap booster is required for all students who have turned 11 years old. (All students entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade or above are required to have a Tdap booster.)
  - b. **Polio Vaccine** – a minimum of 4 doses. One dose must be administered on or after the fourth birthday.
  - c. **Hepatitis B Vaccine** – a complete series of 3 doses of hepatitis B vaccine is required for all students. Note - the FDA has approved a 2-dose schedule ONLY for adolescents 11-15 years of age AND ONLY when the Merck Brand (RECOMBIVAX HB) Adult Formulation Hepatitis B Vaccine is used. If the 2-dose schedule is used for adolescents 11-15 years of age it must be clearly documented on the school form.
  - d. **Measles, Mumps, & Rubella (MMR) Vaccine** – a minimum of 2 doses. Most students receive the combination MMR vaccine – however, if the vaccines are administered individually, a minimum of 2 measles, 2 mumps, and 1 rubella are required. The first dose for each component (or for the combined MMR vaccine) must be administered at age 12 months or older and the second dose prior to kindergarten.
  - e. **Varicella (Chickenpox) Vaccine** – a minimum of 2 doses. The first dose must be administered at age 12 months or older and the second dose prior to kindergarten. (Exception – only 1 dose is required for students who entered kindergarten before March 3, 2010).
  - f. **Human Papillomavirus Vaccine (HPV)** – Routine vaccination at age 11 – 12 for both girls and boys is recommended by CDC. 2 doses are recommended for students less than 15 years of age; 3 doses if 15 or older. Girls entering sixth grade are required to receive at least the first dose of the series but parents may opt out without penalty.
  - g. **Haemophilus Influenzae Type b (Hib) Vaccine** – This vaccine is required ONLY for students less than 60 months of age. Number of doses required depends upon the age when first dose is received.
  - h. **Pneumococcal (PCV) Vaccine** – This vaccine is required ONLY for students less than 60 months of age. One to four doses, depending on age at first dose, are required.

To obtain the health entry forms, please refer to this website: <https://www.apsva.us/registering-your-student> or check with your school's registrar or clinic staff.