

# West Virginia Immunization Requirements for 7<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Graders

State law and rules<sup>1</sup> require that all children entering school in West Virginia in grades 7 and 12 must show proof of immunization against diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, and meningococcal disease unless properly medically exempted<sup>2</sup>. The table below outlines immunization requirements as most commonly met.<sup>3</sup> The West Virginia Bureau for Public Health recommends that vaccine doses administered 4 days or fewer before the minimum interval or age should be considered valid.

## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade School Entry Requirement

Vaccine	Requirement	Provisional Enrollment
Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis)	Proof of booster dose of Tdap vaccine	No provisional enrollment permitted
MCV4 (meningococcal / meningitis)	Proof of 1 <sup>st</sup> dose of MCV4 vaccine	No provisional enrollment permitted

## 12<sup>th</sup> Grade School Entry Requirement

Vaccine	Requirement	Provisional Enrollment
Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis)	Proof of booster dose of Tdap vaccine	No provisional enrollment permitted
MCV4 (meningococcal / meningitis)	<b>One or two doses required.</b> One dose of MCV4 is required if received <u>after</u> the 16 <sup>th</sup> birthday. Second dose is required if first dose was before 16 <sup>th</sup> birthday.	No provisional enrollment permitted

Frequently Asked Questions / Answers regarding these requirements may be found online at

[http://www.dhhr.wv.gov/oeps/immunization/Documents/Immunization%20Articles/School\\_Entry\\_Immunization\\_Requirements\\_for\\_7th\\_12th\\_Grades\\_2014.pdf](http://www.dhhr.wv.gov/oeps/immunization/Documents/Immunization%20Articles/School_Entry_Immunization_Requirements_for_7th_12th_Grades_2014.pdf)

<sup>1</sup> See WV Code §16-3-4 and 64CSR95 for further information.

<sup>2</sup> Medical exemptions must be requested by a physician who has treated or examined the child and be reviewed and approved by the local health officer in the county in which the child attends school. Requests for exemptions must be based on current standards of immunization practice and include the following information: the vaccine(s) being exempted, the specific medical reason for the exemption, whether the exemption is temporary or permanent, and, if temporary, when the exemption should be reevaluated. West Virginia State Law does not allow for non-medical exemptions to immunization requirements.

<sup>3</sup> Occasionally, based on product used or the age at which a child is being immunized, deviations from these requirements may be acceptable. Any deviation must be consistent with applicable, age appropriate immunization schedules found at <http://www.cdc.gov> and searching under "Immunization Schedules".