



Lexington Public Schools

146 Maple Street ♦ Lexington, Massachusetts 02420

Please note that in order to be admitted to kindergarten, a child must be 5 years of age on or before August 31, and be a Lexington resident. No exceptions will be made.

Dear Parent or Guardian:

In order to enter Grades K-12 in the Lexington Public Schools, the following registration information is required:

1. Completion of school forms – Student Registration Form PreK-12, Student Health Information Form, Massachusetts School Health Record, Certificate of Immunization, Home Language Survey, Lexington Census, and Kindergarten Parent/Guardian Questionnaire.
2. Proof of residency - See the *Parent/Guardian Checklist for Incoming Students* for a list of acceptable documents.
3. Submission of original birth certificate – This will not be retained by the school.
4. A physical examination is required at the time of entrance. This examination should be conducted by your child's primary care provider. The exam may be reported on the Massachusetts School Health Record, or on the primary care provider's form and returned to the school. Required immunizations should also be included on the health record. A physical examination done within the past year prior to entrance is acceptable. The exam must include vision screening with stereopsis results and a Tuberculosis risk assessment.
5. Massachusetts General Law c.76, §§ 15 and 15C, requires school children be immunized against diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (DTP), polio, measles, mumps, rubella (German measles) (MMR), hepatitis B, and varicella (chicken pox).

DTaP/DTP Tdap	A series of 5 doses required, unless the 4 th dose was given after age 4. Is required for entry into Grades 7-11, or if it has been 5 years since the last dose.
POLIO	A series of 4 doses required. Only 3 doses are required if the 3 rd dose was given after age 4 and followed at least 6 months after the previous dose.
MMR	(Measles, Mumps, Rubella) – Two doses required for entry into kindergarten, the 1 st dose must be given after age 1. Two doses required for entry into Grades 1-4; two doses required to enter grades 7 th , 8 th , 9 th , 10 th , and 11 th .
MEASLES	Two doses required. Disease – must submit laboratory evidence of immunity.
HEPATITIS B	A series of 3 doses required entering Grades K-12.
VARICELLA	(Chicken Pox) Two doses required given four weeks apart after age 1 to enter kindergarten; two doses required to enter Grades 1-4; one dose required for entry into Grades 5-6; two doses required for entry into Grades 7-11; one dose for entry into Grades 12. Disease – verified by your doctor or nurse practitioner in writing .

These vaccines are required unless there is a medical exemption signed by a physician.

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LEAD

SCREENING

Although Lead Screening is not an immunization, date and result are required to enter kindergarten.

TUBERCULOSIS Lexington Public Schools follow the Massachusetts Department of Public Health's recommendations for tuberculosis (TB) screening in children:

All students should have a TB risk assessment by their primary care provider at the time of scheduled physicals and upon entry to school.

If your child has a risk factor for TB, please submit a TB test to the school nurse.

Risk factors are:

- Birth, travel to, and/or resided in high-risk world regions*
- Exposure to an individual with diagnosed or suspected TB disease
- Household contact to individual with positive TB test
- Parent and/or guardian or household member from a high-risk world region
- History of immunosuppressive disease or medications that might cause immunosuppression

*High risk world regions are Africa, Asia (except Japan), Pacific Islands, Middle East, Eastern Europe, Mexico, Central or South America, and the Caribbean.

If the TB test is positive, then a negative chest X-ray report is required. BCG vaccine cannot be used in place of a TB screening test because its protection rate is unreliable and tuberculosis may occur after vaccination.