IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

Louisiana law requires all students entering school for the first time and upon entering the sixth grade to present satisfactory evidence of immunization against vaccine-preventable diseases according to state law and a schedule approved by the state office of public health, or shall present evidence of an immunization program in progress. The immunization requirements are below:

Pre-Kindergarten/Head Start/Daycare

Prior to school entry, Pre-Kindergarten students must have documented proof of immunizations for: two (2) doses of Varicella vaccine; two (2) doses of Measles-Mumps-Rubella vaccine; three (3) doses of Hepatitis B vaccine; and booster doses of DTaP and Polio vaccines administered on or after their 4th birthday.

All children aged less than 4 years of age enrolled in Pre-K/Daycare/HeadStart should be vaccinated against and must show proof of immunizations for: Diphtheria Tetanus Acellular Pertussis vaccine (DTaP); Inactivated Poliovirus vaccine (IPV); Haemophilus Influenza Type B vaccine (Hib); Hepatitis B vaccine (HBV); Rotavirus vaccine (RV); Pneumococcal Conjugate Vaccine (PCV – for children less than 24 months of age). If a child is less than 24 months of age and has received 4 doses of PCV-7 he/she is to get a single dose of PCV-13 for Daycare and Head Start; and one (1) dose of Varicella vaccine. If the child is not complete or up-to-date for age, he/she must present a record indicating that the child is in progress of receiving vaccines, and follow-up must be provided for compliance with the above requirements.

Kindergarten / First Time Enterers:

Prior to school entry, Kindergarten students/First Time Enterers must have documented proof of immunizations for: two (2) doses of Varicella vaccine; two (2) doses of Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) vaccine; three (3) doses of Hepatitis B (HBV) vaccine; and booster doses of Diphtheria Tetanus Acellular Pertussis (DTaP) and Poliovirus (Polio) vaccines administered on or after their 4th birthday and prior to school entry. If a student is not complete (up-to-date for age), he/she must present a record indicating the student is in progress of receiving vaccines, and follow-up must be provided for compliance with the above requirements.

Middle School Requirement:

Beginning with the 2009-2010 school year and continuing thereafter, a student shall provide satisfactory evidence of current immunizations against meningococcal disease, and any other age appropriate vaccines, as a condition of entry into the sixth grade. Further, any student who has attained the age of eleven years and is entering a grade other than grade six shall provide satisfactory evidence of current immunizations against meningococcal disease and any other age appropriate vaccines as a condition of entry into that grade. The immunizations requirements are below.

Proof of the following immunizations must be provided: Tetanus Diphtheria Acellular Pertussis vaccine (TdaP); two (2) doses of Varicella vaccine; two (2) Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) vaccines; three (3) Hepatitis B (HBV) vaccines; and one (1) Meningococcal Vaccine (MCV4).

Proof of vaccination must be provided at the time of registration. If your child is not a new student in Tangipahoa Parish School System, proof of vaccination must be provided on the first day of school.

Additional information regarding immunization requirements may be found in the TPSS Policy Manual online at www.tangischools.org.