

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Cherry Hill, New Jersey

POLICY 5111

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

The Cherry Hill Board of Education shall provide a preeminent education for the benefit of all children domiciled in the district and such others as may be admitted, pursuant to statute and policy of the board. The board reserves the right to verify the residency of any pupil and the validity of any affidavit of guardianship.

RESIDENCY

Two forms of proof of residency are required as noted in Procedure N-1: Non Resident Student Policy and It's Implementation and R-9: Proof of Residency for New Residents.

HEALTH

- 1 Evidence of a recent physical examination is required.
- 2 Evidence of a recent dental examination is voluntary.

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

Effective participation in control measures will help to prevent the spread of communicable diseases among our school children and the community.

Coordinated efforts between the school and health department exist to protect and improve the health of young people. Mandatory measures have been developed by the health department to help maintain a high degree of protection against communicable disease. In accordance with New Jersey State Sanitary Code Chapter 14 Regulations, pupils are required to show evidence of the immunizations cited on the attached document (age appropriate) prior to entering school.

Immunization exemptions

The only pupils who may be exempted from immunization requirements are:

1. Pupils with a written statement from a physician that a specified immunization is medically contraindicated for a period of time specified and reasons for medical contraindication.
2. Pupils with a written statement signed by parent or guardian explaining how the administration of immunizing agents conflicts with the pupil's exercise of bonafide religious tenets or practices. General philosophical or moral objection to immunization shall not be sufficient for exemption.

All required immunizations must appear on a record signed by a physician for registration to be considered completed.

BARCLAY EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

The Barclay Early Childhood Center offers preschool classes for children with special needs in a least restrictive environment that is inclusive of non-classified students. When a parent feels that their child is in need of pre-school special education services, they should contact the Barclay Early Childhood Center. The parent will receive a packet of information informing them of the current procedures for admission to the school. An evaluation appointment will be made and the parent shall make an appointment in the registration department to complete the registration documents prior to that evaluation. As noted above, proofs of residency immunization and medical records are required for entrance.

When a parent is interested in the opportunity to have their non-classified student in the inclusion program they must contact the Barclay Early Childhood Center and complete an application. The child must be three or four and must be toilet trained prior to entry. If the number of applications exceeds the available slots, a lottery will be held. If the student receives placement, a registration date and time will be arranged. In the event that a child does not receive placement, they are placed on a wait list. Proofs of residency, immunization and medical records are requested at the time of registration.

Information about either of these programs can be found on the district's website, www.chclc.org or by contacting the Barclay Early Childhood Center at (856) 429-7283.

KINDERGARTEN AGE REQUIREMENTS

In order to be enrolled in Kindergarten, a child must be five (5) years of age on or before October 1 of the current school year. The child's original (or certified copy) birth certificate must be presented at the time of registration for verification of the birth date. The certificate will be returned to the parent.

TRANSFER STUDENTS

Pupils who transfer from another public school or a State approved non-public school must meet all requirements for entrance as described above. An exception to the age requirement will be considered when the school a child is transferring from has a different kindergarten age entrance requirement. All transfer students must submit evidence of the immunization and residency requirements noted above and copies of report cards from the prior district.

HOMELESS STUDENTS

The district will determine the educational placement of homeless students in each child's best interest and respond to appeals concerning them made by parents/guardians or other parties in accordance with New Jersey statutes and administrative code.

Legal

References:

N.J.S.A. 18A:7B-12 District of residence; determination

N.J.S.A. 18A:7B-12.1 Homeless child; responsibility for education; determination of placement; payment of costs

N.J.S.A. 18A:36-19a Newly enrolled students; records and identification

N.J.S.A. 18A:36-25.1 Proof of child's identity required for enrollment; transfer of record between districts

N.J.S.A. 18A:38-1 Attendance at school free of charge

N.J.S.A. 18A:38-2 Free attendance at school by nonresidents placed in district under court order

N.J.S.A. 18A:38-3 Attendance at school by nonresidents

N.J.S.A. 18A:38-4 Free attendance to persons over age

N.J.S.A. 18A:38-5 Admission of pupils under age

N.J.S.A. 18A:38-5.1 No child to be excluded from school because of race, etc.

N.J.S.A. 18A:38-6 Time of admission of pupils; first school year

N.J.S.A. 18A:38-7.7 Legislative findings and declarations

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N.J.S.A. 18A:44-1 Establishment of nursery schools or departments; eligibility for

admission

[N.J.S.A. 18A:44-2](#) Establishment of kindergarten; eligibility for admission

[N.J.S.A. 26:1A-9.1](#) Exemption of pupils from mandatory immunization

[N.J.S.A. 26:4-6](#) Prohibiting attendance of teachers or pupils

[N.J.A.C. 6:3-9.2](#) School enrollment

[N.J.A.C. 6:5-1.1 et seq.](#) Provisions for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth

[N.J.A.C. 6A:12-3.2](#) Choice district procedures

[N.J.A.C. 6A:14-1.1 et seq.](#) Special Education

[N.J.A.C. 6A:16-1.5](#) Student health records

[N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.2](#) Required student medical examinations

[N.J.A.C. 6A:23-5.2, -5.3](#) Method of determining the district of residence

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[N.J.A.C. 6A:24-3.1](#) Early Childhood Education through - 3.4

[N.J.A.C. 6A:28-2.1 et seq.](#) Entitlement to Attend School Based on Domicile or Residency in District

See

particularly:

[N.J.A.C. 6A:28-2.3, -2.4, -2.5](#)

[N.J.A.C. 8:57](#) Communicable diseases

See

particularly:

[N.J.A.C. 8:57-2](#)

[N.J.A.C. 8:61-1.1](#) Attendance at school by pupils or adults infected by Human Immuno-Deficiency Virus (HIV)

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[Plyler v. Doe](#), 457 U.S. 202 (1982)

[Plainfield Board of Education v. Cooperman](#), 105 NJ 587 (1987)

Related policies and procedures

Policy 5117: School Attendance Areas

Procedure R-9: Proof of Residency

Procedure N-1: Non Resident Students

Formerly Policies JBCAA and JBCAC

Attachment: N.J.A.C. 8:57-4: Immunization of Pupils in Schools (March 09)

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2/25/85; 12/16/85; 4/15/91; 11/21/94, 8/28/01, 10/28/03,8/24/04, 8/25/09,9/22/09

New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services
MINIMUM IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IN NEW JERSEY
N.J.A.C. 8:57-4: IMMUNIZATION OF PUPILS IN SCHOOL

Disease(s)	Meets Immunization Requirements	Comments
DTaP//DTP	<p>Age 1-6 years: 4 doses, with one dose given on or after the 4th birthday, OR any 5 doses.</p> <p>Age 7-9 years: 3 doses of Td or any previously administered combination of DTP, DTaP, and DT to equal 3 doses</p>	Any child entering pre-school, and/or pre-Kindergarten needs a minimum of 4 doses. A booster dose is needed on or after the fourth birthday, to be in compliance with Kindergarten attendance requirements. Pupils after the seventh birthday should receive adult type Td. Please note: there is no acceptable titer test for pertussis.
Tdap	Grade 6 (or comparable age level for special education programs): 1 dose	For pupils entering Grade 6 on or after 9-1-08 and born on or after 1-1-97. A child is not required to have a Tdap dose until FIVE years after the last DTP/DTaP or Td dose.
Polio	<p>Age 1-6 years: 3 doses, with one dose given on or after the 4th birthday, OR any 4 doses.</p> <p>Age 7 or Older: Any 3 doses</p>	Any child entering pre-school, and/or pre-Kindergarten needs a minimum of 3 doses. A booster dose is needed on or after the fourth birthday to be in compliance with Kindergarten attendance requirements. Either Inactivated polio vaccine (IPV) or oral polio vaccine (OPV) separately or in combination is acceptable. Polio vaccine is not required of pupils 18 years or older.*
Measles	If born before 1-1-90, 1 dose of a live measles-containing vaccine on or after the first birthday. If born on or after 1-1-90, 2 doses of a live measles-containing vaccine on or after the first birthday.	Any child over 15 months of age entering child care, pre-school, or pre-Kindergarten needs a minimum of 1 dose of measles vaccine. Any child entering Kindergarten needs 2 doses. Intervals between first and second measles-containing vaccine doses cannot be less than 1 month. Laboratory evidence of immunity is acceptable.**
Rubella and Mumps	1 dose of live mumps-containing vaccine on or after the first birthday. 1 dose of live rubella-containing vaccine on or after the first birthday	Any child over 15 months of age entering child care, pre-school, or pre-Kindergarten needs 1 dose of rubella and mumps vaccine. Any child entering Kindergarten needs 1 dose each. Laboratory evidence of immunity is acceptable. **
Varicella	1 dose on or after the first birthday	All children 19 months of age and older enrolled into a child care/pre-school center after 9-1-04 or children born on or after 1-1-98 entering the school for the first time in Kindergarten or Grade 1 need 1 dose of varicella vaccine. Laboratory evidence of immunity, physician's statement or a parental statement of previous varicella disease is acceptable.
Haemophilus influenzae B (Hib)	<p>Age 2-11 Months: 2 doses</p> <p>Age 12-59 Months: 1 dose</p>	Mandated only for children enrolled in child care, pre-school, or pre-Kindergarten: Minimum of 2 doses of Hib-containing vaccine is needed if between the ages of 2-11 months. Minimum of 1 dose of Hib-containing vaccine is needed after the first birthday. ***
Hepatitis B	<p>K-Grade 12: 3 doses or</p> <p>Age 11-15 years: 2 doses</p>	If a child is between 11-15 years of age and has not received 3 prior doses of Hepatitis B then the child is eligible to receive 2-dose Hepatitis B Adolescent formulation.
Pneumococcal	<p>Age 2-11 months: 2 doses</p> <p>Age 12-59 months: 1 dose</p>	Mandated only for children enrolled in child care, pre-school, or pre-Kindergarten: Minimum of 2 doses of pneumococcal conjugate vaccine is needed if between the ages of 2-11 months. Minimum of 1 dose of pneumococcal conjugate vaccine is needed after the first birthday. ***
Meningococcal	Entering Grade 6 (or comparable age level for Special Ed programs): 1 dose	For pupils entering Grade 6 on or after 9-1-08 and born on or after 1-1-97. *** This applies to students when they turn 11 years of age and attending Grade 6.
Influenza	Ages 6-59 Months: 1 dose annually	For children enrolled in child care, pre-school, or pre-Kindergarten on or after 9-1-08. 1 dose to be given between September 1 and December 31 of each year. Students entering school after December 31 up until March 31 must receive 1 dose since it is still flu season during this time period.

New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services

MINIMUM IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IN NEW JERSEY N.J.A.C. 8:57-4: IMMUNIZATION OF PUPILS IN SCHOOL

*** Footnote:** The requirement to receive a school entry booster dose of DTP or DTaP after the child's 4th birthday shall not apply to children while in child care centers, preschool or pre-kindergarten classes or programs.

The requirement to receive a school entry dose of OPV or IPV after the child's 4th birthday shall not apply to children while in child care centers, preschool or pre-kindergarten classes or programs.

**** Footnote:** Antibody Titer Law (Holly's Law)—This law specifies that a titer test demonstrating immunity be accepted in lieu of receiving the second dose of measles-containing vaccine. The tests used to document immunity must be approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for this purpose and performed by a laboratory that is CLIA certified.

***** Footnote:** No acceptable immunity tests currently exist for Haemophilus Influenzae type B, Pneumococcal, and Meningococcal.

Please Note The Following:

The specific vaccines and the number of doses required are intended to establish the minimum vaccine requirements for child-care center, preschool, or school entry and attendance in New Jersey. These intervals are not based on the allotted time to receive vaccinations. The intervals indicate the vaccine doses needed at earliest age at school entry. Additional vaccines, vaccine doses, and proper spacing between vaccine doses are recommended by the Department in accordance with the guidelines of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), as periodically revised, for optimal protection and additional vaccines or vaccine doses may be administered, although they are not required for school attendance unless otherwise specified.

Serologic evidence of immunity (titer testing) is only accepted as proof of immunity when no vaccination documentation can be provided or prior history is questionable. It cannot be used in lieu of receiving the full recommended vaccinations.

Provisional Admission:

Provisional admission allows a child to enter/attend school after having received a minimum of one dose of each of the required vaccines. Pupils must be actively in the process of completing the series. Pupils <5 years of age, must receive the required vaccines within 17 months in accordance with the ACIP recommended minimum vaccination interval schedule. Pupils 5 years of age and older, must receive the required vaccines within 12 months in accordance with the ACIP recommended minimum vaccination interval schedule.

Grace Periods:

- **4-day grace period:** All vaccine doses administered less than or equal to four days before either the specified minimum age or dose spacing interval shall be counted as valid and shall not require revaccination in order to enter or remain in a school, pre-school, or child care facility.
- **30-day grace period:** Those children transferring into a New Jersey school, pre-school, or child care center from out of state/out of country may be allowed a 30-day grace period in order to obtain past immunization documentation before provisional status shall begin.