

ATTENTION PARENTS

Ballard County Schools immunization requirements

If you have a child entering preschool, kindergarten, sixth grade, or transferring to Ballard County Schools for the 2011-12 school year, the following health requirements must be met to comply with Kentucky's state regulations and will be strictly enforced. Parents will be asked to provide a Social Security number and a birth certificate for each child.

HEAD START MUST HAVE:	KINDERGARTEN MUST HAVE:	SIXTH GRADE MUST HAVE:
<p><u>For 3-year-olds:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Four diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis injections. 2) Three polio injections. 3) One measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) injection. 4) HiB vaccine 5) Three hepatitis B injections. 6) One varicella (chicken pox) injection if child has not had chicken pox disease. 7) Hemoglobin test given within 6 months prior to entry. 8) A complete physical exam. 9) A complete eye exam by an ophthalmologist or optometrist. <p><u>For 4-year-olds:</u> All immunizations required for kindergarten (see next column), plus a hemoglobin test.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Four or five tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis (TDaP) injections, with the last one administered after age 4. 2) Three or four polio injections, with the last one administered after age 4. 3) Two measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) injections administered on or after 12 months of age. 4) Three hepatitis B injections. 5) A complete physical exam. 6) A complete eye exam by an ophthalmologist or optometrist. 7) A dental exam by a PA, ARNP, LHD, RN, doctor or dentist. <p><u>NEW for kindergarteners, effective February 2011:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 8) Two varicella (chicken pox) injection if child has not had chicken pox disease (instead of one injection). 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Three hepatitis B injections 2) A physical exam within the past 12 months. <p><u>NEW for sixth-graders for the 2011-12 school year:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3) Tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis (TDaP) booster – removes previous exemption for boosters given within 5 years. 4) A second varicella (chicken pox) injection. 5) Meningococcal vaccine.

TRANSFERS

Must present a valid Kentucky School Medical Examination Form (physical exam) and Kentucky immunization certificate.

All students required to have a physical this year must use new physical forms.

Hepatitis B vaccine is available through 18 years of age.

Varicella (chicken pox) vaccine is available for children 12 months to 18 years of age.

Please call early to schedule an appointment with your doctor and/or the Ballard County Health Department. The BCHD may be reached at 665-5432, or 665-8400, ext. 2020 or 2262.