

New Immunization Requirements

Georgia requires students to be immunized against measles, mumps, polio, rubella, whooping cough, tetanus, diphtheria, hepatitis A and B, haemophilus influenza and varicella. Changes in state law in 2007 now require the following for pre-kindergarten and kindergarten students as well as rising sixth graders.

Pre-Kindergarten or Kindergarten:

- The pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV) for children five years of age or younger. The number of doses needed depends on the child's age.
- A second dose of the varicella (chicken pox) vaccine or provide laboratory proof of immunity
- A second dose of the mumps vaccine
- Two doses of the Hepatitis A vaccine or provide laboratory proof of immunity (for children born on or after Jan. 1, 2006)

Students entering Sixth Grade:

- Two doses of measles vaccine
- Two doses of mumps vaccine
- One dose of rubella vaccine (or laboratory proof of immunity against Measles, Mumps or Rubella)
- Two doses of the varicella (chicken pox) vaccine or provide proof of immunity documented by a physician

A current certificate of immunization (Georgia Department of Human Resources Form 3231) is required as proof of the immunizations. This form is available from a physician or the health department. Students without a current immunization certificate showing that all required doses were administered will not be allowed to officially register for school and will be withdrawn.

Affidavit of Residence Required

Parents are required to annually submit a notarized Affidavit of Residence form for each child attending a Fulton school. While all students – new and **returning** – must submit the notarized affidavit, proof of residence is required only of students who are **new enrollees in a Fulton County school or entering sixth grade or ninth grade**. Students in their senior year of high school do not have to provide a form or proof of residence. Each school will have a notary available to notarize the form at no charge.

In addition, parents registering a student new to the school system should bring:

- **Certificate of ear, eye and dental screening** (Georgia Department of Human Resources Form 3300) signed by the Fulton County Department of Health and Wellness or a licensed Georgia physician.
- **Certificate of immunization** (Georgia Department of Human Resources Form 3231) signed by the Fulton County Department of Health and Wellness or a licensed Georgia physician. Georgia requires students to be immunized against measles, mumps, polio, rubella, whooping cough, tetanus, diphtheria, hepatitis A and B, haemophilus influenza and varicella.
- **Government-issued birth certificate.** According to Georgia law, children must be five years old by Sept. 1 in order to enroll in kindergarten. To enroll in first grade, children must be six years old by Sept. 1. The only exceptions are:
 - Students who are age five by Dec. 31 and who have lived outside the state of Georgia for the past two years and have enrolled in a public or accredited private kindergarten may enroll in public kindergarten in Georgia.

- Students who are six by Dec. 31 and who have lived outside the state of Georgia for the past two years and have completed public or accredited private kindergarten or have attended a public or accredited private first grade may enroll in first grade in Georgia.
- **Proof of residence.** To enroll in a Fulton County school, the student's parent or legal guardian must reside within a Fulton County School System attendance zone. Appropriate records for verification of residency must include any two of the following:
 - Copy of home mortgage payment book
 - Current utility bill (gas, electric or water)
 - Apartment lease showing name of legal guardian
 - Homeowner's insurance registration/card
 - Current paycheck stub
 - Current bank statement
 - Copy of sales contract
 - Receipt to have utilities connected