

**Commonwealth of Kentucky Immunization & Health Requirements  
Owensboro Catholic Schools**

Immunization laws and regulations protect everyone; high immunization coverage levels greatly reduce the risk of vaccine-preventable disease outbreaks. Kentucky has regulations requiring immunizations for children in child care and school. These same requirements also provide exemptions from these immunizations for both medical reasons and religious beliefs.

**Summary of Commonwealth of KY  
Immunization & Health Requirements**

(Full Description listed below summary boxes)

**KY Requirements for Kindergarten OR Initial Entry to Kentucky School:**

1. **A Current Immunization Certificate** listing the dates of all required immunizations on a KDE approved form, must on file within two weeks of the child's attendance
2. **Kentucky School Physical Exam** on KDE approved form. This is different than a Sports Physical and cannot be accepted as the Kindergarten or Initial entry physical. This exam may be completed up to one year prior to initial entry.
3. **Kentucky Eye Exam** by Optometrist or Ophthalmologist on KDE approved form. Must be submitted to the school no later than January 1 of the initial entry year.
4. **Kentucky Dental Exam** by a Dentist or trained Health Department RN on KDE approved form. Must be submitted to the school no later than January 1 of the initial entry year.

**KY Requirements for 6th Grade entry (11-12 y.o.):**

1. **Immunization Certificate** must on file within two weeks of the child's attendance including the following vaccines:
  - a. **Hepatitis A Vaccine**-2 dose series administered 6 months apart
  - b. **Tdap Vaccine** regardless of first dose of this immunization
  - c. **Meningococcal Vaccine**
  - d. **Varicella Vaccine** (Chicken Pox) Vaccine --second dose **OR** Physician documentation that the child has had this disease
2. **6th Grade Physical Exam** on KDE approved form. This is **different than a Sports Physical** which cannot be accepted as the entry into 6th grade physical. This exam may be completed up to one year prior to sixth grade entry.

**KY Requirements for Middle School Students:**

1. **Hepatitis A Vaccine** – 2 dose series administered 6 months apart.

Immunization Certificate must on file within two weeks of the child's attendance.

**KY Requirements for High School Students:**

1. **Hepatitis A Vaccine** – 2 dose series administered 6 months apart
2. **Meningitis Vaccine Booster** —Students are required to receive a booster vaccine no later than 2 weeks after their 16th birthday.

Immunization Certificate must on file within two weeks of the child's attendance.

# **Full Description of Commonwealth of KY Immunization & Health Requirements:**

## **1. KY Immunization Certificate**

KRS 214.034 requires any child enrolled as a regular attendee in all public or private primary or secondary schools, and preschool programs shall have a current immunization certificate and be **on file within two weeks** of the child's attendance. Information including school immunization legislation and regulations, school immunization schedules, school immunization reporting forms and requirements can be found at the Kentucky Immunization Program website <http://chfs.ky.gov/dph/epi/Immunization.htm>

- Link to form for Immunization Certificate for Current, Provisional, Medical & Religious Exemption: <https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/dehp/idb/Documents/CommonwealthofKentuckyCertificateofImmunizationStatus.pdf>
- Link to additional form that is required for Religious Exemption: <https://chfs.ky.gov/agencies/dph/dehp/idb/Documents/CommonwealthofKentuckyParentorGuardiansDeclinationonReligiousGroundstoRequiredImmunizat.pdf>

## **2. KY Preventative Health Care Examination Form**

702 KAR 1:160 requires each child **first entering** a Kentucky school (i.e. **Kindergarten**) or entering **Grade 6** to present a Kentucky Preventative Health Care Examination Form. This exam may be completed up to **one year prior** to initial entry.

- Link to form for School Physical: <https://education.ky.gov/districts/SHS/Documents/Schoolphysicalform2013.pdf>

Sports Physicals:

- Link to form for KHSAA Middle School (Grades 5-8) Sports Physical: <https://khsaa.org/forms/ms01.pdf>
- Link to form for KHSAA High School (Grades 9-12) Sports Physical: <https://khsaa.org/forms/ge04.pdf>

## **3. KY Dental Screening/Exam Form**

Kentucky law in KRS 156.160 (j) requires proof of a dental screening or examination by a dentist, dental hygienist, physician, registered nurse, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant to be presented to the school **no later than January 1 of the first year** that a five (5) or six (6) year old child is enrolled in public school.

- Link to form for Dental screening or exam: [https://education.ky.gov/districts/SHS/Documents/Dental%20form%20KDESHS005\\_DSf%20%28ADA%29.pdf](https://education.ky.gov/districts/SHS/Documents/Dental%20form%20KDESHS005_DSf%20%28ADA%29.pdf)

## **4. KY Vision Exam Form**

KRS 156.160 (1)(i) requires proof of a vision examination by an optometrist or ophthalmologist. This evidence shall be submitted to the school **no later than January 1** of the first year that a three (3), four (4), five (5) or six (6) year old is enrolled in public school, public preschool, or Head Start program.

- Link to Form for Vision Exam: <https://education.ky.gov/districts/SHS/Documents/Vision%20Form%20Fillable%20%28ADA%29.pdf>