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Authorities at USD No. 480 have announced there are new vaccine requirements for the next school year.

Beginning the 2009-2010 school year, immunization requirements for students attending Kansas public schools will be changing. The new vaccine requirements are as follows:

- o One dose of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine for all 1st through 9th graders unless history of disease documented by licensed physician.
- o Two doses of varicella (chickenpox) vaccine for all preschool and kindergarten students unless history of disease documented by licensed physician.
- o Three doses of Hepatitis B for all students preschool through 9th grade.
- o One booster dose of Tdap for students 11 years of age if it has been more than 2 years since the previous dose of DTaP/DT/Td.
- o Three doses of Haemophilus influenza type b (Hib) vaccine for all preschool students.
- o Four doses of pneumococcal conjugate (PCV7) vaccine for all preschool students.

o Two doses of Hepatitis A vaccine for all preschool students.

In addition, beginning the 2010-2011 school year, all students attending Kansas public schools will be required to have three doses of Hepatitis B and two doses of varicella (unless history of chickenpox disease documented by licensed physician).

For more information, please contact the nurse at the child's school.