Iowa School Age Requirements and Recommendations

☆ Items with a star next to them are required for entry into school.

Below is Iowa’s recommended immunization schedule. If your child does not meet these requirements please contact your medical provider to discuss a catch up schedule. Your child’s school may require additional health screenings, tests, or vaccines as well.

Kindergarten (4-6 years old)
☆ 5th dose Diptheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis (DTaP)
☆ 4th dose Polio
☆ 2nd dose Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR)
☆ 2nd dose Varicella
  Annual influenza vaccine
☆ Dental screening– the health provider completing the dental screening must fill out an Iowa Certificate of Dental Screening
  Annual dental exam
☆ Vision screening– parent must provide proof of vision screening to their child’s school
  Vision exam before 1st grade
☆ Lead screening
  Annual well child exam

6th-7th grade (10-12 years)
☆ 1st dose Tetanus, Diptheria, Pertussis (Tdap) in 7th grade
3 dose Human Papillomavirus (HPV) series
   1st dose Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine (MCV4)
  Annual influenza vaccine
  Annual dental exam
  Vision exam every other year
  Well child exam at 10 and 12 years old

High School (13-18 years)
2nd dose MCV4
Annual Influenza vaccine
☆ Dental screening before 9th grade– parent must provide proof of dental screening to their child’s school
  Annual dental exam
  Vision exam every other year
  Well child exam every other year

Please Note:
◊ A kindergarten dental screening may be performed by a dentist, a registered nurse, an advanced registered nurse practitioner, a physician’s assistant, a registered dental hygienist, a medical doctor, or a doctor of osteopathy.
◊ A 9th grade dental screening must be performed by a dentist or a dental hygienist.
◊ A dental exam must be performed by a dentist.
◊ A vision screening may be performed by anyone trained to perform vision screens.
◊ A vision exam must be performed by an optometrist or ophthalmologist.