

FALLS LAKE ACADEMY

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A place where community and education combine to celebrate each child's ambitions so that their full potential can TAKE FLIGHT!

The state of North Carolina requires all children entering public school kindergarten to be immunized and to present specific documented proof of immunization at the beginning of the school year. There are several vaccines that your Firebird sparklet will need to receive prior to the first day of school. Below is a basic guide to the immunizations required for school entry. [For more information, please visit www.immunize.nc.gov.]

Vaccine

Number of doses required before 1st day of kindergarten

DTaP (Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Acellular Pertussis) 5 doses* Polio 4 doses* Measles 2 doses **Mumps** 2 doses Rubella 1 dose Hib (Haemophilus Influenzae type B) 3-4 doses** **Hepatitis B (Hep B)** 3 doses Varicella (Chickenpox) 2 doses+

- * Last dose of DTaP and Polio must be given on or after age 4.
- ** Children beyond their 5th birthday are not required to have Hib vaccine.
- + Vaccination required unless disease history documentation is provided.

It is the parent or guardian's responsibility to present an up-to-date immunization record ("shot record") to the school within 30 days from the first day of school. As required by state law, if proof of vaccination is not provided by the end of the 30-day period, your child will be suspended from school until proof of immunization is provided or until you show that your child has begun the immunization process.

In addition to immunizations, all kindergartners must have a thorough **Health Assessment** prior to entering school (also a state requirement). Please note: The Health Assessment must be conducted by a physician licensed to practice medicine, a physician's assistant as defined in General Statute 90-18, a certified nurse practitioner, or a public health nurse meeting the state standards for Health Check Services. For your convenience, a blank copy of the standard NC Health Assessment form can be found on our website. You should bring your child's shot record when he/she goes for his/her Health Assessment. Please note: whether you use this form or another one provided by your child's physician or other health care provider, all the information on the standard form must be included on the form you use. The form must also be signed by the health care professional who conducts the Assessment.