Taipei American School

Health Requirements for Admission

1. **Student Health Record**: The Student Health Record (which includes a health history and physical examination) must be completed and signed by a physician after the student is accepted to TAS. *Submit the completed Student Health Record to nurse@tas.edu.tw prior to school attendance.*

   *If your child has a chronic condition such as asthma, diabetes or a severe food allergy, the physician must also provide a written emergency action plan and submit to nurse@tas.edu.tw.*

2. **Required Immunizations**: After acceptance to TAS and prior to school attendance, please submit a copy of the child’s immunization records to nurse@tas.edu.tw. Parents must submit copies of official records of the child’s injections/immunizations. If the records are not in English or Chinese, a translation must be provided. These may be copies of infant injection books or other physician’s documentation verifying actual dates the injections were administered. *Medical statements such as “all injections given on schedule” will not be accepted.* Official records with the injection dates must be provided for your child to be enrolled at TAS.

   If your child received any immunizations at his or her previous school, please contact the school or authorized public health department to obtain the records. Please remember that *dates are required.*

   TAS immunization requirements are derived from the guidelines established by the US Center for Disease Control (CDC). *The following immunizations are required:*

   - **Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis** (DTP/DTaP): This vaccination is given in a series of 4 doses at the ages of 2, 4, 6, and 15-18 months followed by a booster between the ages of 4-6 years. A **Tdap** booster (given to children > 7 years) is required between the ages of 11-12 years.
   - **Polio**: Polio is also given in a series of 3 doses, at age of 2, 4, 6-18 months followed by a booster between the ages of 4-6 years.
   - **Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR)**: This is a series of 2 vaccinations. The first vaccination is given between the ages of 12-15 months and the second vaccination is given between the ages of 4 and 6 years. If a student has had one of the contagious illnesses listed above, rather than the immunization, a physician’s statement confirming the child’s immunity to the contagious illness must be submitted.
   - **Varicella or Chickenpox**: This is a series of two doses, one is required for admissions and the second dose is recommended. Immunization is not required if the student had the natural disease. Please write the date or age on the Student Health Record.
   - **Hepatitis B**: This is a series of 3 injections given over a period of six months.