Taipei American School

Health Requirements for Admission

1. The Student Health Record and Health Examination Form must be completed and submitted prior to admission (both forms are enclosed). The examination may be done by a physician in your home country or country of residence at the time of application. Examinations must be performed within the calendar year of application. Examinations prior to that time will not be accepted.

2. Required Immunizations: TAS immunization requirements are derived from the guidelines established by the US Center for Disease Control (CDC). 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 dates injections were administered must be provided.

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. Experts advise that if you are unable to locate the necessary records, the child must be considered susceptible and the immunization series must be given again. The following immunizations are required:

**DPT:** This is given in a series of 4 doses during the first 2 years of life followed by a booster sometime after age 4 and before school entry. After that a Tdap booster is required at around age 11, and is good for 10 years.

**Polio:** Polio is also given in a series of 3 doses early in life followed by a booster sometime after age 4 and before school entry.

**Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR):** This is a series of 2 vaccinations, the first is given at age 15 – 18 months and the second is given sometime between the ages of 4 and 6 and before school entry. If a student has had one of the infections, rather than the immunization, a physician’s statement confirming the diagnosis 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 chickenpox, please write the date or age on the health form.

**Hepatitis B.** This is a series of 3 injections given over six months.