

## Immunization of Students

1. No student may attend school in the District unless the student has presented to the school an up-to-date certificate of immunization or a completed exemption form. The student may register but shall not be allowed to attend school until the immunization record is received. A student shall be exempted only upon submission of one of the following:
  - a. certification from a licensed health care provider that the physical condition of the child is such that immunization would endanger the child's life or health.
  - b. statement signed by one parent/guardian or the emancipated child that the student adheres to a religious belief whose teachings are opposed to immunizations.
  - c. statement signed by one parent/guardian or the emancipated child that the student holds a personal belief that is opposed to immunizations.

In the event of an outbreak of disease against which immunization is required, no exemption will be recognized and those students will be excluded from school.

2. The District/school will provide upon request a listing of immunizations required by the Colorado Department of Health. The school nurse is responsible for ensuring that the listing of required immunizations is up-to-date.
3. If there is a failure to comply with the immunization requirements, the principal or designee will personally notify the parent/guardian or emancipated student. Such notification will be accomplished either by telephone or in person. If this is not possible, contact will be by certified mail, return receipt requested. E-mail is not an adequate source of notification. Emancipated students must be contacted directly rather than through their parent/guardian.

The parent/guardian or emancipated student will be notified of the following:

- a. that up-to-date immunizations are required under Colorado law.
- b. that within fourteen (14) days of notification, the parent/guardian must submit authorization for administration of the immunization by health officials or a valid exemption or documentation to the school showing that the next required immunization has been given and a written plan for completion of all required immunizations.
- c. that if the required documentation is not submitted within fourteen (14) days of notification or if the student begins but does not complete the written plan, the student will be expelled or suspended.

4. A student who fails to comply shall be suspended by the principal for up to five (5) days and notice of the suspension sent to the Colorado Department of Health.
5. If no certificate of immunization is received during the period of suspension, the Superintendent or designee shall institute proceedings for expulsion.
6. Any expulsion under this policy will terminate automatically upon compliance.
7. Record of any such expulsion will be contained in the student's health file, with an appropriate explanation – not in the student's disciplinary cumulative file.

Note: All information regarding immunization distributed to parents/guardians or emancipated students by the District shall inform them of their rights as listed above.

Note: A health care provider is defined as an M.D., D.O., Nurse Practitioner, P.A., Dentist or Psychiatrist.

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