

PROCEDURE – STUDENT IMMUNIZATION AND LIFE-THREATENING CONDITIONS

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Certificate of Immunization

Immediately upon enrollment in the District, a certificate of immunization status, distributed by the Washington Department of Health, shall be completed by the student's parent. The certificate shall be made a part of the student's permanent record.

If a student has not received ~~any~~ some or all of the required immunizations, he/she shall submit evidence of the initiation of an immunization schedule and be placed in a "conditional admittance" category. He/she may remain in school for one school year provided that there is documentation that the immunization schedule is being maintained. Failure to maintain the schedule or submit documentation shall be sufficient cause to exclude the student from school.

Exemptions from Immunization

Exemptions from one or more vaccines shall be granted for medical reasons upon certification by a Licensed Health Care Provider (MD, DO, ND, PA, ARNP) that there is a medical reason for not administering the vaccine. Documentation of this medical exemption requires the signature of a Licensed Health Care Provider. Exemptions from one or more vaccines shall be granted for personal, philosophical or religious reasons once a signed Licensed Health Care Provider statement documenting that the parent or guardian has received information on the benefits and risks of immunization from that individual has been provided. The final exemption for religious membership requires the parent or guardian to provide the name of the Church or Religious Body whose teachings or beliefs do not allow for medical treatment from a health care practitioner.

The permanent file of students with exemptions shall be marked for easy identification should the Department of Health order that exempted students be excluded from school temporarily during an epidemic. If proof of immunization or a certificate of exemption is not received upon the student's enrollment in school, the principal shall provide written notice to the parents or guardians informing them of:

- A. The immunization requirements;
- B. The denial of further attendance by the student;
- C. The student's procedural due process rights; and
- D. The immunization services that are available.

Exclusion from School

Notice to the parents or guardians shall be delivered in person or by certified mail. The notice shall be provided to the parents or guardians in their native language if feasible. Following notification, the school shall exclude the student for noncompliance with the immunization laws subject to the appeal process procedures for student expulsions. Parents shall have a right to a hearing provided they notify the school in writing within three school days after receiving the exclusion order from the school principal. If the parent requests a hearing, the parent or guardian and school principal shall be notified in writing of the time and place for the hearing and shall present the case to a hearing officer appointed by the superintendent.

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