

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. A student shall be exempted only upon submission of:
 - a. certification from a licensed physician 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 he or she adheres to a religious belief whose teachings are opposed to immunizations
 - c. Statement signed by one parent/guardian or the emancipated child that he or she 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.

(note: Paragraphs 2 through 4 will need to be updated to conform to the Health Department schedules for immunizations.)

2. All students entering preschool and kindergarten are required to receive three doses of hepatitis B vaccine, in addition to the other required immunizations, prior to admission.
3. All students entering seventh grade must have an updated immunization record showing a second measles, mumps and rubella immunization and three doses of hepatitis B vaccine.
4. All students must comply with the hepatitis B vaccine requirements, according to the schedule published by the health Department, by July 1, 2003.
5. The district will provide upon request an immunization form as required by the Health Department. The (appropriate school official, e.g. school nurse, principal) is responsible for seeing that required information is included on the form.
6. If there is a failure to comply with the immunization requirements, the (appropriate school official) 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 mail. Students age 18 and over or otherwise emancipated must be contacted directly rather than through their parents.

The parent 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 must submit either an 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 immunization.

- c. that if the required documentation is not submitted within fourteen (14) days of notification or if the student begins but does not continue or complete the written plan, the student will be suspended or expelled.
7. A student who fails to comply will be suspended by the principal for up to five days and notice of the suspension sent to the Health Department.
8. If no certificate of immunization is received during the period of suspension, the Superintendent will institute proceedings for expulsion.
9. Any suspension or expulsion under this policy will terminate automatically upon compliance.
10. Record of any such suspension or expulsion will be contained in the student's health file, with an appropriate explanation – not in the student's disciplinary file.
11. Any student expelled for failure to comply with the immunization requirements will not be included in calculating the dropout rate, but will be included in the annual report to the State Board of Education.

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