

Barre Town Supervisory District Policy Manual

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Immunizations

1. APPLICATIONS

a. These regulations shall apply to all children enrolled at Barre Town School.

2. REQUIREMENTS

a. Immunizations

1. Every pupil shall have received all immunizations required by the Vermont Department of Health.
2. Acceptable Records: The following documents will be accepted as evidence of a pupil's immunization history provided that the individual immunizations and the date when each immunization was administered are listed.
 - a. An official school record from any school.
 - b. A record from any public health department.
 - c. A certificate signed by a licensed physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant.
 - d. A record from an Immunization Registry.
 - e. Additional proof of immunization includes a laboratory titer indicating immunity to a specific disease.
3. Provisional Admittance: A pupil may be admitted to school provisionally if a physician or health professional indicates that immunization of the pupil has been initiated and the pupil is in the process of complying with all immunization requirements. Such provisional admission shall be for a reasonable length of time that is consistent with the immunization schedule set forth by the Vermont Department of Health but shall not exceed one year for completion of all immunization requirements.

b. School Officials

1. No principal or other person in charge of a school shall knowingly admit or retain any pupil who has not submitted acceptable evidence of immunization according to the schedule specified by the Vermont Department of Health, except when there are exemptions as noted in section 3 of this policy.
2. For each pupil the school shall maintain an immunization record which shall include the date of each immunization.
3. Pupils who are not in compliance with these regulations shall not be allowed to enter school until they are in compliance. Parents or guardians of these pupils must receive written notification by mail or in person of the steps needed to comply.
4. The school shall maintain a roster of pupils who are exempt from immunizations as well as provisionally admitted pupils and continue follow-up until requirements are met.
5. If a student transfers from one school to another, the original school shall transfer the immunization record or a copy thereof.
6. Immunization records not forwarded shall remain with the child's academic record and or health record and shall not be destroyed under any circumstances.

7. For purposes of these regulations school nurses are considered health personnel per the Vermont Department of Health and shall be granted access to student immunization records, including records from physician offices, public health departments and the Immunization Registry.
8. An annual report of the immunization status of all pupils shall be submitted by the school nurse to the principal and the Vermont Department of Health by the date requested.
9. The principal or other person in charge of a school shall make immunization records available for inspection by authorized representatives of the Vermont Department of Health.

3. EXEMPTIONS

a. Pupils are exempt from these regulations provided they meet at least one of the following as defined by the Vermont Department of Health:

1. A pupil's parent or guardian presents a Department-supplied form, signed by a licensed physician, physician assistant, health clinic, or nurse, indicating the pupil is in the process of being immunized. This form shall be maintained by the school as part of the student's immunization record.
2. A pupil's parent or guardian presents a Department-supplied form, signed by a licensed physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner, indicating a specific immunization is or may be detrimental to the pupil's health or is not appropriate. The form must include the reason for the contraindication and the time period for which the immunization is contraindicated.
3. A pupil's parent or guardian presents a Department-supplied form, indicating that the pupil, parent, or guardian has religious beliefs or moral convictions opposed to immunizations. This form shall be maintained by the school as part of the student's immunization record.

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