

New Students Only - Required Immunization Documentation for School Attendance

In Washington State, all students are required to have a Washington State Certificate of Immunization Status (CIS) card on file at school. Students must be current on all immunizations in order to be permitted to attend school. It is important that children are fully protected against these childhood diseases.

Each student is required to have a completed Certificate of Immunization Status (CIS) on file in the health room. The CIS is submitted only once at the time of first enrollment and will be maintained in the health room.

If all the child's immunizations have not been entered into the Washington State Immunization Information System (WAIIS) database by a doctor, then parents must provide a copy of the child's immunization medical record from the doctor's office. The immunization records may be faxed to Sacred Heart School so the Health Room Coordinator can update the WAIIS database with the missing immunization records.

In Washington State, immunization compliance requires that a parent sign and date the two designated areas on the CIS form. This is done to:

1. Certify that information provided is correct and verifiable
2. Give permission to share immunization information with the Immunization Information system to help maintain the child's school record. This permits the child's CIS to be updated without a parent having to come in to update or submit a new CIS form.

The only time a physician must sign the CIS form is if:

1. The child is not fully immunized because of verified history of varicella (chickenpox)
2. The child is not fully immunized because of positive blood laboratory titer results documenting immunity to diseases such as Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus, Mumps, Measles, Rubella, Varicella, Hepatitis B, Polio, Hib or others (laboratory report(s) for titers must be attached).

Medical Exemption: If a child is not current on all immunizations for medical reasons, a parent must submit a certificate of medical exemption. The certificate must be signed by both the parent and the physician.

All specific immunization requirements for school attendance in Pre-Kindergarten through 8th grade can be found on the health room page of our school website.

New student Washington State Certificate of Immunization Status (CIS) and/or Certificate of Medical Exemption must be submitted by mid-August.