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532 IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to require that all students receive the proper immunizations as mandated by law to ensure the health and safety of all students.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

All students are required to provide proof of immunization, or appropriate documentation exempting the student from such immunization, and such other data necessary to ensure that the student is free from any communicable diseases, as a condition of enrollment.

III. STUDENT IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

- A. No student may be enrolled or remain enrolled, on a full-time, part-time, or shared-time basis, in any elementary or secondary school within the school district until the student or the student's parent or guardian has submitted to the designated school district administrator the required proof of immunization. Prior to the student's first date of attendance, the student or the student's parent or guardian shall provide to the designated school district administrator one of the following statements:
1. a statement, from a physician, advanced practice registered nurse, physician assistant, or a public clinic which provides immunizations (hereinafter "medical statement"), affirming that the student received the immunizations required by law, consistent with medically acceptable standards; or
 2. a medical statement affirming that the student received the primary schedule of immunizations required by law and has commenced a schedule of the remaining required immunizations, indicating the month and year each immunization was administered, consistent with medically accepted standards.

- B. The statement of a parent or guardian of a student or an emancipated student may be substituted for the medical statement. If such a statement is substituted, this statement must indicate the month and year each immunization was administered. Upon request, the designated school district administrator will provide information to the parent or guardian of a student or an emancipated student of the dosages required for each vaccine according to the age of the student.
- C. The parent or guardian of persons receiving instruction in a home school shall submit one of the following statements set forth in Section III.A. or III.B., above, or statement of immunization set forth in Section IV., below, to the superintendent of the school district by October 1 of the first year of their home schooling in Minnesota and the grade 7 year.
- D. When there is evidence of the presence of a communicable disease, or when required by any state or federal agency and/or state or federal law, students and/or their parents or guardians may be required to submit such other health care data as is necessary to ensure that the student has received any necessary immunizations and/or is free of any communicable diseases. No student may be enrolled or remain enrolled in any elementary or secondary school within the school district until the student or the student's parent or guardian has submitted the required data.
- E. The school district may allow a student transferring into a school a maximum of 30 days to submit a statement specified in Section III.A., or III.B., above, or Section IV., below. Students who do not provide the appropriate proof of immunization or the required documentation related to an applicable exemption of the student from the required immunization within the specified time frames shall be excluded from school until such time as the appropriate proof of immunizations or exemption documentation has been provided.
- F. If a person who is not a Minnesota resident enrolls in a school district online learning course or program that delivers instruction to the person only by computer and does not provide any teacher or instructor contact time or require classroom attendance, the person is not subject to the immunization, statement, and other requirements of this policy.

IV. EXEMPTIONS FROM IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

Students will be exempt from the foregoing immunization requirements under the following circumstances:

- A. The parent or guardian of a minor student or an emancipated student submits a signed medical statement affirming that the immunization of the student is

contraindicated for medical reasons or that laboratory confirmation of the presence of adequate immunity exists; or

- B. The parent or guardian of a minor student or an emancipated student submits his or her notarized statement stating the student has not been immunized because of the conscientiously held beliefs of the parent, guardian, or student.

V. NOTICE OF IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

- A. The school district will develop and implement a procedure to:
 - 1. notify parents and students of the immunization and exemption requirements by use of a form approved by the Department of Health;
 - 2. notify parents and students of the consequences for failure to provide required documentation regarding immunizations;
 - 3. review student health records to determine whether the required information has been provided; and
 - 3. make reasonable arrangements to send a student home when the immunization requirements have not been met and advise the student and/or the student's parent or guardian of the conditions for re-enrollment.
- B. The notice provided shall contain written information describing the exemptions from immunization as permitted by law. The notice shall be in a font size at least equal to the font size and style as the immunization requirements and on the same page as the immunization requirements.

VI. IMMUNIZATION RECORDS

- A. The school district will maintain a file containing the immunization records for each student in attendance at the school district for at least five (5) years after the student attains the age of majority.
- B. Upon request, the school district may exchange immunization data with persons or agencies providing services on behalf of the student. Immunization data is private student data and disclosure of such data shall be governed by Policy 515 Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records.
- C. The designated school district administrator will assist a student and/or the student's parent or guardian in the transfer of the student's immunization file to the student's new school within 30 days of the student's transfer.

- D. Upon request of a public or private post-secondary educational institution, the designated school district administrator will assist in the transfer of the student's immunization file to the post-secondary educational institution.

VII. OTHER

Within 60 days of the commencement of each new school term, the school district will forward a report to the Commissioner of the Department of Education stating the number of students attending each school in the school district, including the number of students receiving instruction in home school, the number of students who have not been immunized, and the number of students who received an exemption. The school district will also forward a copy of all exemption statements received by the school district to the Commissioner of the Department of Health.

Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 13.32 (Educational Data)
Minn. Stat. § 121A.15 (Health Standards; Immunizations;
School Children)
Minn. Stat. § 121A.17 (School Board Responsibilities)
Minn. Stat. § 144.29 (Health Records; Children of School Age)
Minn. Stat. § 144.3351 (Immunization Data)
Minn. Stat. § 144.441 (Tuberculosis Screening in Schools)
Minn. Stat. § 144.442 (Testing in Schools)
Minn. Rules Parts 4604.0100-4604.1000 (Immunization)
McCarthy v. Ozark Sch. Dist., 359 F.3d 1029 (8th Cir. 2004)
Op. Atty. Gen. 169-W (Jan. 17, 1968)
Op. Atty. Gen. 169-W (July 23, 1980)

Cross References: District 77 Policy 515 (Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records)

Pupil Immunization Record

Student Name _____

Birthdate _____ Student Number _____

FOR SCHOOL USE ONLY

- () Complete; booster required in _____
 () In process; 8 mos. expires _____
 () Medical exemption for _____
 () Conscientious objection for _____
 () Parental/guardian consent _____

Minnesota law requires children enrolled in school to be immunized against certain diseases or file a legal medical or conscientious exemption.

Parent: Enter the MONTH, DAY, and YEAR for all vaccines your child received, MED for vaccines that are medically contraindicated, or CO for vaccines that are conscientiously opposed. Sign appropriate signature boxes on reverse.

MED: Medical contraindication to immunization, history of disease, or laboratory evidence of immunity.

CO: Immunizations are contrary to parent or guardian's conscientiously held beliefs.

School Personnel: Be sure to initial and date any new information that you add to this form after the parent/guardian submits it. Also, record combination vaccines (e.g., DTaP+HepB+IPV, Hib+HepB) in each applicable space.

Type of Vaccine	DO NOT USE (✓) or (X)	1st Dose Mo/Day/Yr	2nd Dose Mo/Day/Yr	3rd Dose Mo/Day/Yr	4th Dose Mo/Day/Yr	5th Dose Mo/Day/Yr
Required (The shaded boxes indicate doses that are not routinely given; however, if your child has received them, please write the date in the shaded box.)						
Diphtheria, Tetanus, and Pertussis (DTaP, DTP)						
Diphtheria and Tetanus (DT) • for 6-year-olds and younger						
Tetanus and Diphtheria (Tdap, Td) • for 7-year-olds and older						
Polio (IPV, OPV)						
Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) • minimum age: on or after 1st birthday • required for kindergarten and 7th grade						
Hepatitis B (hep B) • required for kindergarten and 7th grade						
Varicella (chickenpox) • minimum age: on or after 1st birthday • vaccine or disease history required for kindergarten and 7th grade						
Recommended						
Meningococcal (MCV, MPSV)						
Human Papillomavirus (HPV)						
Hepatitis A (hep A)						

Additional exemptions:

- **Children less than 7 years of age:** The 5th dose of DTaP/DTP/DT (similarly, the 4th dose of polio vaccine) is not necessary if the 4th DTaP/DTP/DT (3rd dose of polio) was administered after the 4th birthday.
- **Children 7 years of age and older:** A history of 3 doses of DTaP/DTP/DT/Td/Tdap and 3 doses of polio vaccine meets the minimum requirements of the law.
- **Students in grades 7-12:** A Td or Tdap booster at age 11 years or later is not required for students in grades 7-12 whose most recent Td was given after their 7th birthday but before their 11th birthday. Instead, it will be required 10 years after the date of the most recent dose.
- **Students 11-15 years of age:** A 3rd dose of hepatitis B vaccine is not required for students who provide documentation of the alternative 2-dose schedule.
- **Students 10 years or older:** May receive Tdap to fulfill the Td requirement for students in grades 7-12.
- **Students 18 years of age or older:** Do not need polio vaccine.

- 1. Choose one of the following to indicate student's immunization status and the source of the information above:**
A. I certify that this student has received all immunizations required by law.

Signature of parent/guardian or physician/public clinic Date

- B. I certify that this student has received at least one dose of vaccine for diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis (if age-appropriate), polio, hepatitis B (K and 7th), varicella (K and 7th), measles, mumps, and rubella and will complete his/her diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, hepatitis B, and/or polio vaccine series within the next 8 months. The dates on which the remaining doses are to be given are:

Signature of physician/public clinic Date

- 2. Parental/Guardian Consent to Share Immunization Information:**

Your child's school is asking your permission to share your child's immunization record with Minnesota's immunization registry to help us better protect students from disease. You are not required to sign this consent; it is voluntary. In addition, all the information you provide is legally classified as private data and can only be released to those legally authorized to receive it under Minnesota law.

I agree to allow school personnel to share my student's immunization record with Minnesota's immunization registry:

Signature of parent or legal guardian Date

- 3. Exemptions to School Immunization Law:**

A. Medical exemption:

No student is required to receive an immunization if they have a medical contraindication, history of disease, or laboratory evidence of immunity. For a student to receive a medical exemption, a physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant must sign this statement:

I certify the immunization(s) listed below are contraindicated for medical reasons, laboratory evidence of immunity, or that adequate immunity exists due to a history of disease that was laboratory confirmed. (For varicella disease see * below.)

Exempted immunization(s):

Signature of physician/nurse practitioner/physician assistant Date

*History of varicella disease only. In the case of varicella disease, it was medically diagnosed or adequately described to me by the parent to indicate past varicella infection in _____.
Year

Signature of physician/nurse practitioner/physician assistant

B. Conscientious exemption:

No student is required to have an immunization that is contrary to the conscientiously held beliefs of his/her parent or guardian. However, not following vaccine recommendations may endanger the health or life of the student or others they come in contact with. In a disease outbreak schools may exclude children who are not vaccinated in order to protect them and others. To receive an exemption to vaccination, a parent or legal guardian must complete and sign the following statement and have it notarized:

I certify by notarization that it is contrary to my conscientiously held beliefs for my child to receive the following vaccine(s):

Signature of parent or legal guardian Date

Subscribed and sworn to before me this _____ day of _____ 20_____

Signature of notary