

Lewistown School District

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Student Immunization

The Board requires all students to present evidence of their having been immunized against the following diseases: diphtheria, pertussis (whooping cough), poliomyelitis, measles (rubeola), mumps, rubella, tetanus, and varicella (chickenpox). Haemophilus influenzae type "b" immunization is required for students under age five (5), before enrolling in preschool. Proof of immunization must be in compliance with the school rules for attendance through the Montana Department of Health and Human Services.

Upon initial enrollment, an immunization records form for each student will be provided. The certificate shall be made a part of the student’s permanent record.

A pupil who transfers into the District may photocopy immunization records in the possession of the school of origin. The District will accept the photocopy as evidence of immunization. Within thirty (30) days after a transferring pupil ceases attendance at the school of origin, the school shall retain a certified copy for the permanent record and send the original immunization records for the pupil to the school district to which the pupil transfers. Exemptions from one or more vaccines shall be granted for medical reasons upon certification by a physician indicating the specific nature and probable duration of the medical condition for not administering the vaccine(s). Exemptions for religious reasons must be filed annually. The statement for an exemption shall be maintained as part of the student’s immunization record. 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 when the risk of contracting or transmitting a disease exists. Exclusion shall not exceed thirty (30) calendar days.

The Superintendent may allow the commencement of attendance in school by a student who has not been immunized against each disease listed in 20-5-403, MCA, if that student has received one or more doses of polio, measles (rubeola), mumps, rubella, diphtheria, pertussis, Haemophilus Influenza Type "B", and tetanus vaccine and a conditional waiver for attendance has been completed.

The District shall exclude a student for noncompliance with the immunization laws and properly notify the parent or guardian. The local health department may seek an injunction requiring the parent to submit an immunization status form, take action to fully immunize the student, or file an exemption for personal or medical reasons.

Legal Reference:	20-3-324 (20), MCA	Powers and duties
	20-5-402 - 410, MCA	Health
	20-5-403, MCA	Immunization required – release and acceptance of immunization records

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