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530 IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

I. PURPOSE

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

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

All Pillager Public School 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 acceptable 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 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 consequence for failure to provide required documentation regarding immunizations;
 3. review student health records to determine whether the required information has been provided; and
 4. 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. [See Attachments A, B, C, and D.]
- B. The notice provided shall contain written information describing the exemptions from immunizations 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 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 MN Department of Education stating the number of students attending each school in the school district, including the number of students receiving instruction in a home school, the number of students who have not been immunized, and the number of students who received an exemption. The school district also will 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)

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Minn. Rules Parts 4604.0100-4604.1020 (Immunization)
McCarthy v. Ozark Sch. Dist., 359 F.3d 1029 (8th Cir. 2004)
Op. Att’y Gen. 169-W (Jan.17, 1968)
Op. Att’y Gen. 169-W (July 23, 1980)
Cross References: MSBA/MASA Model Policy 515 (Protection and Privacy of Pupil Records)

SAMPLE LETTER A

PILLAGER PUBLIC SCHOOLS - ISD # 116

323 EAST SECOND STREET SOUTH

PILLAGER, MN 56473

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Telephone (218) 746-3772 Fax: (218) 746-4236

(Date)

[Parent(s)]

[Address]

Re: Immunizations

Dear Parent:

As you know, school begins on [date]. Before your child, [name of child], can be enrolled, however, we must receive proof that he/she has received immunization against a number of diseases as required by state law or is excepted therefrom. To date, we have no immunization records for your child nor a claim of exception.

Please complete the enclosed form verifying that [name of child] has received the required immunizations, consistent with medically acceptable standards and return the form to [name of school official], *before school begins*. By state law, we cannot allow [name of child] to stay in school longer than thirty days unless we have received proof that he/she has had the required immunizations or is excepted there from.

If you cannot submit a statement from a physician or public clinic regarding your elementary or secondary school child, you may submit your own statement on the enclosed form detailing the precise dosages given for each required immunization and the month and year each immunization was given. If you elect to submit your own statement in lieu of one from a health care provider, please contact [name of school official] at [telephone number] to determine the precise vaccinations required for your child, as the requirements vary according to the child's age.

If you are claiming an exception for medical reasons that an immunization is contraindicated or because of your conscientiously-held beliefs, you must either submit a statement from a physician stating the immunization is contraindicated or you must submit a notarized statement, signed by you as the parent/guardian, or if the student is an emancipated person, by the emancipated person, stating that the student has not been immunized because of conscientiously-held beliefs. The enclosed form may be used for this purpose.

If we do not receive proof of immunization or exception within 30 days from the first day of school [date], your child will be sent home from school and discharged from enrollment. It will then be necessary for you to re-enroll the child after immunization requirements have been met before the child can return to school. If you have any questions, please contact [name of school official] at [telephone number].

Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

[School District Official]

SAMPLE LETTER B

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PILLAGER, MN 56473

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Telephone (218) 746-3772 Fax: (218) 746-4236

(Date)

[Parent(s)]

[Address]

Re: Immunizations

Dear Parent:

As you know, school began today. To date, we have no immunization records for your child nor any record of a request for an exception. In order for your child, [name of child], to remain enrolled, we must receive proof that he/she has received immunization against a number of diseases as required by state law or that he/she qualifies for one of the statutory exceptions. By this letter, we wish to verify that our records concerning your child are accurate and complete.

Please submit a statement on the enclosed form to [name of school official] from a physician or a public clinic verifying that [name of child] has received the required immunizations, consistent with medically acceptable standards. By state law, we cannot allow [name of child] to stay in school unless we have received proof that he/she has had the required immunizations or has satisfied one of the statutorily recognized exceptions.

If you cannot submit a statement from a physician or public clinic regarding your elementary or secondary school child, you may submit your own statement on the enclosed form detailing the precise dosages given for each required immunization and the month and year each immunization was given. If you elect to submit your own statement in lieu of one from a health care provider, please contact [name of school official] at [telephone number] to determine the precise vaccinations required for your child, as the requirements vary according to the child's age.

If you are claiming an exception for medical reasons that an immunization is contraindicated or because of your conscientiously-held beliefs, you must either submit a statement from a physician stating the immunization is contraindicated or you must submit a notarized statement, signed by you as the parent/guardian, or if the student is an emancipated person by the emancipated person, stating that the student has not been immunized because of conscientiously-held beliefs. The enclosed form may be used for this purpose.

If you have already submitted a statement to us, please indicate how the statement was submitted (i.e. hand-delivered, mailed), when it was delivered and to whom. It may be necessary for you to obtain a duplicate statement if the original cannot be found. If additional time to obtain a duplicate is required, please so indicate in your response.

If we do not receive proof of immunization or exception by [ten school days], your child will be sent home from school and discharged from enrollment. It will then be necessary for you to re-enroll the child after immunization requirements have been met before the child can return to school. If you have any questions, please contact [name of school official] at [telephone number].

Thank you for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

[School District Official]

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SAMPLE LETTER C

PILLAGER PUBLIC SCHOOLS - ISD # 116

323 EAST SECOND STREET SOUTH

PILLAGER, MN 56473

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Telephone (218) 746-3772 Fax: (218) 746-4236

(Date)

[Parent(s)]

[Address]

Re: Non-Enrollment for Lack of Immunization Proof

Dear Parent:

We are sending your child, [name of child], home today because we have not yet received proof that he or she has received appropriate immunizations or is excepted therefrom. Minnesota law does not allow us to enroll an elementary or secondary school student without proof that the student has received the required immunizations or is excepted therefrom.

As we advised earlier, State law and School District policy allow for a thirty-day grace period and a ten-day due process period during which your child may attend school. Those grace periods have now expired. [Name of child] may re-enroll as soon as we have received appropriate proof of immunizations.

If you have any questions about the proof or the immunizations required, please contact [name of school official] at [telephone number] as soon as possible.

We look forward to having [name of child] back in school soon.

Very truly yours,

[School District Official]

DISTRICT NOTES:

Previous notices sent on _____ by _____

Phone contacts on _____ by _____

_____ by _____

_____ by _____

Student Immunization Form

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/Guardian:

You may attach a copy of the child's immunization history to this form OR enter the MONTH, DAY, and YEAR for all vaccines your child received. Enter MED to indicate vaccines that are medically contraindicated including a history of disease, or laboratory evidence of immunity and CO for vaccines that are contrary to parent or guardian's conscientiously held beliefs.

Sign or obtain appropriate signatures on reverse. Complete section 1A or 1B to certify immunization status and section 2A to document medical exemptions (including a history of varicella disease) and 2B to document a conscientious exemption.

Additionally, if a parent or guardian would like to give permission to the school to share their child's immunization record with Minnesota's immunization information system, they may sign section 3 (optional).

For updated copies of your child's vaccination history, talk to your doctor or call the Minnesota Immunization Information Connection (MIIC) at 651-201-5503 or 800-657-3970.

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)	1 st Dose Mo/Day/Yr	2 nd Dose Mo/Day/Yr	3 rd Dose Mo/Day/Yr	4 th Dose Mo/Day/Yr	5 th 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, DT) • for children age 6 years and younger • final dose on or after age 4 years						5 th dose not required if 4 th dose was given on or after the 4 th birthday
Tetanus and Diphtheria (Td) • for children age 7 years and older • 3 doses of Td required for children not up to date with DTaP, DTP, or DT series above						
Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis (Tdap) • for children in 7 th - 12 th grade						
Polio (IPV, OPV) • final dose on or after age 4 years						4 th dose not required if 3 rd dose was given on or after the 4 th birthday
Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) • minimum age: on or after 1 st birthday						
Hepatitis B (hep B)						
Varicella (chickenpox) • minimum age: on or after 1 st birthday • vaccine or disease history required						
Meningococcal (MCV, MPSV) • for children in 7 th - 12 th grade • booster given at age 16 years						
Recommended						
Human Papillomavirus (HPV)						
Hepatitis A (hep A)						
Influenza (annually for children 6 months and older)						

Additional exemptions:

- **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 Tdap at age 11 years or later is required for students in grades 7-12. If a child received Tdap at age 7-10 years, another dose is not needed at age 11-12 years. However, if it was only a Td, a Tdap dose at age 11-12 years is required.
- **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 18 years of age or older:** Do not need polio vaccine.

Instructions, please complete:

Box 1 to certify the child's immunization status

Box 2 to file an exemption (medical or conscientious)

Box 3 to provide consent to share immunization information (optional)

<p>1. Certify Immunization Status. Complete A or B to indicate child's immunization status.</p>	
<p>A. Received all required immunizations: I certify that this student has received all immunizations required by law.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Signature of Parent / Guardian OR Physician / Public Clinic</p> <p>_____ Date</p>	<p>B. Will complete required immunizations within the next 8 months:</p> <p>I certify that this student has received at least one dose of vaccine for diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis (if age-appropriate), polio, hepatitis B, varicella, measles, mumps, and rubella and will complete his/her diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, hepatitis B, and/or polio vaccine series within the next 8 months.</p> <p>The dates on which the remaining doses are to be given are:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Signature of Physician / Public Clinic</p> <p>_____ Date</p>

<p>2. Exemptions to School Immunization Law. Complete A and/or B to indicate type of exemption.</p>	
<p>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). List exempted immunization(s):</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Signature of physician/nurse practitioner/physician assistant</p> <p>_____ Date</p> <p>* 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)</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Signature of physician/nurse practitioner/physician assistant (If disease occurred before September 2010, a parent can sign.)</p>	<p>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:</p> <p>I certify by notarization that it is contrary to my conscientiously held beliefs for my child to receive the following vaccine(s):</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Signature of parent or legal guardian</p> <p>_____ Date</p> <p>Subscribed and sworn to before me this:</p> <p>_____ day of _____ 20_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Signature of notary</p>

<p>3. Parental/Guardian Consent to Share Immunization Information (optional): Your child's school is asking your permission to share your child's immunization documentation with MIIC, Minnesota's immunization information system, to help us better protect students from disease and allow easier access for you to retrieve your child's immunization record. 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.</p> <p>I agree to allow school personnel to share my student's immunization documentation with Minnesota's immunization information system:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Signature of parent or legal guardian Date</p>
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