

**STUDENT IMMUNIZATIONS**

No student is admitted by a school unless at the time of admission the student or the student’s parent/guardian submits documentary proof of immunization as required by Va. Code §§ 22.1-271.2 and 32.1-46 to the admitting official of the school or unless the student is exempted from immunization as described below or is a student experiencing homelessness (a homeless child or youth as defined in Va. Code § 22.1-3).

If a student does not have documentary proof of immunization, the school will notify the student or the student’s parent/guardian:

- That it has no documentary proof of immunization for the student;
- That it may not admit the student without proof unless the student is exempted, including any student experiencing homelessness (a homeless child or youth as defined in Va. Code § 22.1-3);
- That the student may be immunized and receive certification by a licensed physician, physician assistant, advanced practice registered nurse, registered nurse, or an employee of a local health department; and
- How to contact the local health department to learn where and when it performs these services.

Any parent, guardian, or other person having control or charge of a child being home instructed or exempted or excused from school attendance, shall comply with immunization requirements provided in Va. Code § 22.1-271.4 and 32.1-46 in the same manner and to the same extent as if the child has been enrolled in and is attending school.

**Conditional Enrollment**

Any student whose immunizations are incomplete may be admitted conditionally if the student provides documentary proof at the time of enrollment of having received at least one dose of the required immunizations accompanied by a schedule for completion of the required doses within 90 calendar days. If the student requires more than two doses of hepatitis B vaccine, the conditional enrollment period will be 180 calendar days.

The immunization record of each student admitted conditionally will be reviewed periodically until the required immunizations have been received.

Any student admitted conditionally who fails to comply with the student’s schedule for completion of the required immunizations will be excluded from school until the student’s immunizations are resumed.

**Exemptions**

No certificate of immunization is required for the admission to school of any student if:

- 46 • The student or the student’s parent/guardian submits an affidavit to the admitting official  
47 stating that the administration of immunizing agents conflicts with the student’s religious  
48 tenets or practices; or
- 49 • The school has written certification from a licensed physician, physician assistant,  
50 advanced practice registered nurse, or local health department that one or more of the  
51 required immunizations may be detrimental to the student’s health, indicating the specific  
52 nature and probable duration of the medical condition or circumstance that contraindicates  
53 immunization.

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55 In accordance with the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children (Va.  
56 Code § 22.1-360), the children of military families shall have 30 days from the date of enrollment  
57 to obtain any required immunization(s). For a series of immunizations, initial vaccinations must  
58 be obtained within 30 days.

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60 **Students Experiencing Homelessness**

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62 If a student is experiencing homelessness (a homeless child or youth as defined in Va. Code §  
63 22.1-3) and

- 64 • Does not have documentary proof of necessary immunizations or has incomplete  
65 immunizations and
- 66 • Is not exempted from immunization,

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69 The school division immediately admits such student and refers the student to the local school  
70 division homeless liaison who will assist in obtaining the documentary proof of, or completing,  
71 immunization.

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73 **Immunization Record**

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75 Every school records each student’s immunizations on the school immunization record. The school  
76 immunization record is a standardized form provided by the State Department of Health, which  
77 will be a part of the mandatory permanent student record. Such record is open to inspection by  
78 officials of the State Department of Health and the local health departments as allowed by law.

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80 The school immunization record will be transferred by the school whenever the school transfers  
81 any student’s permanent academic or scholastic records.

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83 Within 30 calendar days of the beginning of each school year or entrance of a student, each  
84 admitting official files a report with the local health department. The report is filed on forms  
85 prepared by the State Department of Health and states the number of students who have been  
86 admitted with a medical or religious exemption, and the number of students who have been  
87 conditionally admitted, and those students who are experiencing homelessness (homeless children  
88 or youths as defined in Va. Code § 22.1-3).

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100 Legal Refs.: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 22.1-271.2, 22.1-271.4, 32.1-46,  
101 54.1-2952.2, 54.1-2957.02.

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105 Cross Refs: JEC School Admission  
106 JECA Admission of Homeless Children  
107 JHCB-R ACPS Health Requirements for Registration  
108 JO Student Records  
109 LBD Home Instruction