

STUDENT IMMUNIZATIONS

It is the policy of the Athens City Board of Education to provide language minority students, migrant students, and homeless students, with meaningful and appropriate educational program, allowing all students the same benefits and rights of participation regardless of race, color, disability, sex, religion, national origin, or age.

General Requirements

A current Alabama Certificate of Immunization (Blue Form or other State Health Department Form) against diseases designated by the State Health Department is required before a student can be enrolled in any school.

Parent/Guardian Responsibility

It will be the responsibility of the Parent(s) or guardian(s) to have such immunizations performed and to present the current certificate of immunization.

Exemptions

An exemption to the above policy is based on belief in selected religious doctrines; physician approved medical exemption or federal law. Parent(s) or guardian(s) seeking an exemption based on religious belief or medical exemption must secure a Religious Exemption Form or Medical Exemption Form from the State Health Department. The issuance of the Religious Exemption Form and Medical Exemption Form shall be based on information presented to State Health Department officials.

The Superintendent or designee shall have the right to make an exemption regarding homeless, migrant and limited English proficient children and youth and shall not be denied admission because of the lack of an immunization card.

Disciplinary Action

Parent(s) or guardian(s) in noncompliance with the provisions of this policy may be subject to disciplinary action.

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LEGAL REF.: Ala. Code § 16-30-1, *et.seq.* (1975); Ala. Admin. Code § 290-3-1-.02(f) (2008).