

1 Great Falls School District

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3 **STUDENTS**

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5 Student Immunization

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7 The Board requires all students to present evidence of their having been immunized against the  
8 following diseases: varicella, diphtheria, pertussis (whooping cough), poliomyelitis, measles  
9 (rubeola) mumps, rubella, and tetanus in the manner and with immunizing agents approved by  
10 the Department of Public Health and Human Services. Hemophilus influenza type “b”  
11 immunization is required for students under age five (5).

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13 Upon initial enrollment, an immunization status form shall be completed by the student’s parents  
14 or guardian. The certificate shall be made part of the student’s permanent record.

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16 3200of the school of origin. This District will accept the photocopy as evidence of immunization.  
17 Within thirty (30) days after a transferring student ceases attendance at the school of origin, the  
18 school shall retain a certified copy for the permanent record and send the original immunization  
19 records for the student to the school district to which the student transfers.

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21 Exemptions from one or more vaccines shall be granted for medical reasons upon certification by  
22 a licensed or certified health care provider in a manner provided by ~~Section~~ § 20-5-405, MCA.  
23 Exemptions for religious reasons must be filed in a manner provided by ~~Section~~ § 20-5-404,  
24 MCA. The statement for an exemption shall be maintained as part of the student’s immunization  
25 record in accordance with FERPA as specified in Policy 3600P.

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27 All students who are enrolled under an exemption and have a disease listed in this Policy, have  
28 been exposed to a disease listed in this Policy, or may be exposed to a disease listed in this  
29 Policy while attending school, may be excluded from the school by the local health officer of the  
30 DPHHS until the excluding authority is satisfied that the student no longer risks contracting or  
31 transmitting that disease.

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33 The administrator may allow the commencement of attendance in school by a student who has  
34 not been immunized against each disease listed in § 20-5-403, MCA, if that student has received  
35 one or more doses of varicella, polio, measles (rubeola), mumps, rubella, diphtheria, pertussis,  
36 and tetanus vaccine, except that Hemophilus influenza type “b” vaccine is required only for  
37 children under 5 years of age.

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

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44 This policy and related forms shall be made available to all interested individuals upon request  
45 and posted on the District’s website to provide parents and families opportunity to be informed  
46 about immunizations required and available exemptions under state law.

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2 This policy does not apply to or govern vaccinations against COVID-19. The Board does not  
3 require immunization against COVID-19 in order to enroll in the District in accordance with  
4 Montana law. District officials shall not require the disclosure about the COVID-19 vaccination  
5 status of students, employees, or visitors. District officials shall not make decisions regarding  
6 access to District services for students, employees, or visitors based upon an individual's  
7 COVID-19 vaccination status.

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9 Students enrolled in dual credit courses in accordance with District policies may be subject to  
10 distinct immunization requirements of the applicable post-secondary institution.

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12 Legal References:

13 § 20-3-324(20), MCA	Powers and Duties
14 § 20-5-402-426, MCA	Health
15 § 20-5-403, MCA	Immunization Required – Release and Acceptance
16 § 20-5-405, MCA	Medical or Religious Exemption
17 Chapter 534 (2023)	Revise Immunization Laws

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19 Policy History:

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