

JGCB – Inoculations

Unless provided otherwise herein, all students enrolling in any district school for the first time shall provide the building principal with proof of immunization of certain diseases or furnish documents to satisfy statutory requirements. Booster shots mandated by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Environment are also required. Documentation must show the student has received at least one dose of each required immunization deemed necessary by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, with the most recent dose of each immunization series received by the second Monday in October for students enrolled through August 31st, the second Monday of January for students who enroll September 1st through November 30th, and the second Monday of April for students who enroll December 1st through March 31st. Failure to timely complete all required series shall be deemed non-compliance.

As an alternative to the immunizations required, a student may present:

- (1) an annual written statement signed by a licensed physician stating the physical condition of the child to be such that the tests or inoculations would seriously endanger the life or health of the child; or
- (2) a written statement signed by the parent or guardian that the child is an adherent of a religious denomination whose religious teachings are opposed to such tests or inoculations.

Students who are not immunized against a particular disease(s) shall be excluded from school during any outbreak. Any student who fails to comply with immunization requirements shall be excluded from school until statutory requirements are satisfied. Prior to each exclusion deadline, written notice regarding the policy and required immunizations will be provided to the parent/guardian. The exclusion date will be the second Monday in October for students enrolled through August 31st, the second Monday of January for students who enroll September 1st through November 30th, and the second Monday of April for students who enroll December 1st through March 31st. School nurses will provide parents or guardians information related to available resources for immunizations. Additional notification of non-compliance may be made by email and/or telephone. Nurses will document thoroughly how notification was made on the student record in Skyward.

If the student remains in a status of non-compliance, the building principal will notify the parent or guardian two weeks before the exclusion date by telephone that the student will be excluded until such time statutory requirements are satisfied.

On or before May 15th of each school year, a copy of this policy and the applicable state law shall be posted on the District website for students, prospective students, and/or their parents or guardians to view. At the beginning of a school year, the school board shall provide information on immunizations applicable to school age children to parents and

guardians of students in grades six through 12. The information on immunizations shall include:

- (1) a list of sources for additional information; and
- (2) related standards issued by the National Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Additionally, immunization information, along with the Kansas statutes relating to school immunizations, will be included in enrollment information for each school year. Immunization information will clearly state that students shall be excluded from school for non-compliance with Kansas immunization requirements, unless the student satisfies one of the alternatives described in paragraph 2 of this section.

The above requirements are not to serve as barriers to immediate enrollment of students designated as homeless or foster children as required by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and the McKinney-Vento Act as amended by ESSA. The district shall work with the Department for Children and Families, the school last attended, or other relevant agencies to obtain necessary documentation of inoculations.

Each principal shall forward evidence of compliance with the inoculation law to other schools or school districts when requested by the school or by the student's parents/guardians and shall work cooperatively with local, county, and state health agencies to disseminate materials related to the availability of inoculations.

The provisions of K.S.A. 72-3120 do not apply to any student while subject to exclusion from school attendance under the provisions of this section.

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