

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 196
Rosemount-Apple Valley-Eagan Public Schools
Educating, developing, and inspiring our students for lifelong success

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Title Student Immunizations

1. Purpose

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

2. General Statement of Policy

All 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.

3. Student Immunization Requirements

- 3.1 No student may 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:
 - 3.1.1 a statement from a physician, advanced practice registered nurse, physician assistant, or a public clinic which provides immunizations (hereinafter "medical statement"), affirming the month, day and year that the student received all immunizations required by law, consistent with medically acceptable standards; or
 - 3.1.2 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, day and year each immunization was administered, consistent with medically acceptable standards. If a student has commenced a schedule of required immunizations, but has not completed the schedule, the parent or guardian will provide a schedule from the provider for the completion of the immunizations; or
 - 3.1.3 A statement of exemption as described in Section 4, below.
- 3.2 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.
- 3.3 The parent or guardian of persons receiving instruction in a home school shall submit one of the statements set forth in Section 3.1-3.2 above, or statement of exemption set forth in Section 4, below, to the superintendent of the school district or designee by October 1 of the first year of their home schooling in Minnesota and the grade 7 year.
- 3.4 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.
- 3.5 The school district may allow a student transferring into a school a maximum of 30 days to submit a statement specified in Section 3.1-3.2 above, or Section 4, 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.

- 3.6 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 requirements of this policy.
- 3.7 A student experiencing homelessness will be immediately enrolled and allowed to attend school even if the student does not have required immunization documents outlined in Section 3.1-3.2 above, or Section 4, below. A student experiencing homelessness is exempt from procedure 501.5.2P, Student Immunization Compliance Procedure. The school, with assistance of the school district's homeless liaison, will work to obtain immunizations or immunization records for the student while the student is enrolled in school.

4. Exemptions from Immunization Requirements

Students will be exempt from the foregoing immunization requirements under the following circumstances:

- 4.1 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
- 4.2 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.

5. Notice of Immunization Requirements

- 5.1 The school district will develop and implement a procedure to:
 - 5.1.1 notify parents and students of the immunization and exemption requirements by use of a form approved by the Department of Health or similar district-created form;
 - 5.1.2 notify parents and students of the consequence for failure to provide required documentation regarding immunizations;
 - 5.1.3 review student health records to determine whether the required information has been provided; and
 - 5.1.4 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 their return to school as described in Procedure 501.5.2P, Student Immunization Compliance Procedure.
- 5.2 The notice provided shall contain written information describing the exemptions from immunization 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.

6. Immunization Records

- 6.1 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.
- 6.2 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 Administrative Regulation 505.2AR, Protection and Privacy of Student Records.
- 6.3 The designated school district administrator or designee 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.

6.4 Upon request of a public or private post-secondary educational institution, the designated school district administrator or designee will assist in the transfer of the student's immunization file to the post-secondary educational institution.

7. Other

Within 60 days of the commencement of each new school term, the school district will forward a report to the State of Minnesota 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.

Reference:

- Minn. Stat. § 13.32 Educational Data
- Minn. Stat. § 121A.15 Health Standards; Immunizations; School Children
- Minn. Stat. § 142D.091 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 School Clinics
- Minn. Rules Parts 4604.0100-4604.1020 (Immunization)
- *McCarthy v. Ozark Sch. Dist.*, 359 F.3d 1029 (8th Cir. 2004)
- Op. Atty. Gen. 169-W (July 23, 1980)
- Op. Atty. Gen. 169-W (Jan. 17, 1968)
- MSBA/MASA Model Policy 530, Immunization Requirements
- Are Your Kids Ready: Child Care and Early Childhood Programs Immunization Law
- Are Your Kids Ready: Minnesota K-12 Immunization Law
- McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, Subtitle VII-B- Education for Homeless Children and Youths
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Recommendation Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule for Age 18 years or younger

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