

516.01 STUDENTS: IMMUNIZATIONS

I. POLICY PURPOSE

To align with immunization requirements in MN Statute 121A.15, with the goal of protecting students from serious vaccine-preventable communicable diseases.

II. 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, as a condition of enrollment.

III. STUDENT IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

Students enrolling in any pre-school, elementary or secondary program of the District shall submit a written statement to the school nurse from a healthcare provider, public health clinic or the student's parent or guardian of the date(s) (month/day/year) on which the student has received the immunizations, as required by the Minnesota School Immunization Law.

1. A student will be exempted from immunization requirements under the following circumstances:
 - a. For any and all immunizations, if a healthcare provider submits a signed statement that an immunization is contraindicated for medical reasons, or that laboratory confirmation of the presence of adequate immunity exists; or that a history of the disease has been documented in their medical record, or
 - b. For any and all immunizations, if the student's parent, guardian, or adult student submits a notarized statement that the individual has not been immunized because of their conscientiously held beliefs or the conscientiously held beliefs of the parent or guardian;
Or
 - c. For any and all immunizations, if the student is experiencing homelessness, is in foster care, or is waiting to be placed in foster care
 - a. 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 immunization, statement, and other requirements of this policy.

2. Each pre-school, elementary and secondary school and program, including online schools, shall collect immunization records for each student enrolled. When a student transfers to a different school out of district, the school shall transfer the immunization file to the student's new school within 30 days of the transfer.
3. A transferring student shall have a maximum of 30 days to submit immunization records.
4. Students who do not provide the appropriate proof of immunization or the required documentation related to an applicable exemption from the required immunization(s) within the specified time frames shall be excluded from school by the Board of Education until such time as the appropriate proof of immunizations or exemption documentation has been provided.

LEGAL REFERENCES:

Minn. Stat. § 123.70, Health Standards: Immunizations

42 USC CHAPTER 119, SUBCHAPTER VI, Part B: Education for Homeless Children and Youths