



POLICY: Student Immunizations

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This policy follows NMAC 6.12.2.8 regarding immunization requirements for students attending Siembra Leadership High School.

A. Immunization Requirement No student shall be enrolled unless the student can present satisfactory evidence of beginning or completing the required immunization schedule as outlined by the New Mexico Public Health Division.

B. Exemptions from Immunization Students may be exempt upon submission of:

1. A statement or certificate signed by a licensed physician or certified nurse practitioner stating that immunization would seriously endanger the student's health.
2. An exemption granted by the public health division, based on:
 - A notarized affidavit or written affirmation from an officer of a recognized religious denomination that the family's beliefs rely solely on spiritual means for healing.
 - A notarized affidavit or affirmation from a parent or guardian asserting that their religious beliefs do not permit immunization.

Note: Exemptions are valid for up to nine (9) months and cannot extend beyond the school year.

C. Children of Military Families Children of military families will be conditionally enrolled for thirty (30) days while obtaining the required immunizations. At least the first immunization in a required series must be received within thirty days of enrollment, with documentation provided to the school.

D. Disenrollment If a student does not provide satisfactory evidence of immunization or a valid exemption, the school will begin disenrollment proceedings.

E. Administrative Responsibilities





1. The school head administrator must maintain up-to-date immunization records for every student and be able to produce them for public health authorities.
2. The administrator must report to the Public Health Division the name of any parent or guardian who neglects or refuses to immunize their child as required.

This policy ensures compliance with public health regulations while providing clear guidelines for exemptions and procedures for students of military families.

