

## Immunization of Students

1. No student may attend school in the district unless the student has presented to the school an up to date certificate of immunization or a completed exemption form. [Note: please refer to current standardized immunization documents developed and updated by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment for list of immunization requirements and requirements.] A student shall be exempted from required immunizations only upon submission of:
  - a. certification from a licensed physician that the student's physical condition is such that immunization would endanger the student's life or health or is otherwise medically contraindicated due to other medical conditions.
  - b. a statement signed by the parent/guardian or the emancipated student that the student adheres to a religious belief whose teachings are opposed to immunizations
  - c. a statement signed by the parent/guardian or the emancipated student that student holds a personal belief that is opposed to immunizations

In the event of an outbreak of disease against which immunization is required, no exemption will be recognized and those students will be excluded from school.

2. The district will provide upon request an immunization reporting form. The (appropriate school official, e.g., school nurse, principal) is responsible for seeing that required information is included on the form and transferred to an official certificate of immunization as required.
3. If there is a failure to comply with the immunization requirements, the school nurse or the school principal will personally notify the parent/guardian or emancipated student. Such notification will be accomplished either by telephone or in person. If this is not possible, contact will be by mail. Emancipated students must be contacted directly rather than through their parents/guardians.

The parent or emancipated student will be notified of the following:

- a. that up to date immunizations are required under Colorado law
- b. that within fourteen (14) days of notification, the parent must submit either an authorization for administration of the immunization by health officials or a valid exemption or documentation to the school showing that the next required immunization

has been given and a written plan for completion of all required immunizations

- c. that if the required documentation is not submitted within fourteen (14) days of notification or if the student begins but does not continue or complete the written plan, the student will be suspended or expelled.
4. A student who fails to comply will be suspended by the principal for up to five days and notice of the suspension sent to the Health Department.
5. If no certificate of immunization is received during the period of suspension, the superintendent will institute proceedings for expulsion.
6. Any suspension or expulsion under this policy will terminate automatically upon compliance.
7. Record of any such suspension or expulsion will be contained in the student's health file, with an appropriate explanation-not in the student's disciplinary file.

Any student expelled for failure to comply with the immunization requirements will not be included in calculating the dropout rate, but will be included in the annual report to the State Board of Education.

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