

1 **3413 STUDENTS**

2 Student Immunization

3 The Board requires all students to present evidence of their having been immunized against the following
4 diseases: varicella, diphtheria, pertussis (whooping cough), poliomyelitis, measles (rubeola), mumps,
5 rubella, and tetanus in the manner and with immunizing agents approved by the Department of Public
6 Health and Human Services. Haemophilus influenza type "b" immunization is required for students under
7 age five (5).

8 Upon initial enrollment, an immunization status form shall be completed by the student's parent or
9 guardian. The certificate shall be made a part of the student's permanent record.

10 A pupil who transfers into the District may photocopy immunization records in the possession of the
11 school of origin. The District will accept the photocopy as evidence of immunization. Within thirty (30)
12 days after a transferring pupil ceases attendance at the school of origin, the school shall retain a certified
13 copy for the permanent record and send the original immunization records for the student to the school
14 district to which the student transfers.

15 Exemptions from one or more vaccines shall be granted for medical reasons upon certification by a
16 physician indicating the specific nature and probable duration of the medical condition for not
17 administering the vaccine(s). Exemptions for religious reasons must be filed annually. The statement for
18 an exemption shall be maintained as part of the student's immunization record. The permanent file of
19 students with exemptions shall be marked for easy identification should the Department of Health order
20 that exempted students be excluded from school temporarily when the risk of contracting or transmitting
21 a disease exists. Exclusion shall not exceed thirty (30) calendar days.

22 The administrator may allow the commencement of attendance in school by a student who has not been
23 immunized against each disease listed in § 20-5-403, MCA, if that student has received one or more doses
24 of varicella, polio, measles (rubeola), mumps, rubella, diphtheria, pertussis, and tetanus vaccine, except
25 that Haemophilus influenza type "b" vaccine is required only for children under 5 years of age.

26 The District shall exclude a student for noncompliance with the immunization laws and properly notify
27 the parent or guardian. The local health department may seek an injunction requiring the parent to submit
28 an immunization status form, take action to fully immunize the student or file an exemption for personal
29 or medical reasons.

30 Legal Reference:

31 § 20-3-324(20), MCA Powers and duties

32 § 20-5-402 through 410, MCA Health

33 § 20-5-403, MCA Immunization required – release and acceptance of immunization records

34 § 20-5-405, MCA Medical or religious exemption

35 Policy History:

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