

IMMUNIZATION

No student at the time of initial entry or at the beginning of each school year shall be permitted to remain in school for more than 14 days unless the student presents written evidence satisfactory to the District that the student has been immunized or is in the process of being so immunized against diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, polio, mumps, rubeola, rubella, and meningococcal disease.

In addition, no student who begins kindergarten at an elementary school shall be permitted to remain in school for more than 14 days unless the student presents satisfactory written evidence that he/she has been immunized by a Department of Health-approved method or is in the process of being so immunized against hepatitis B and against chicken pox.

Pursuant to O.R.C. §3301.60, if the student is a child of a military family who transferred from a public school district in another state (the “sending state”), the District shall permit the student to remain in school for 30 days or the time determined under rules established by the Interstate Commission on Educational Opportunity for Military Children to obtain and present written evidence that the student has been immunized or is in the process of being so immunized.

“In the process of being so immunized” means the student has been immunized against mumps, rubeola, rubella, chicken pox, and meningococcal disease, and if the student has not been immunized against poliomyelitis, diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, and hepatitis B, the student has received at least the first dose of the immunization sequence, and presents written evidence to the student’s building principal of each subsequent dose required to obtain immunization at the intervals prescribed by the Director of Health. Any student previously admitted under the “in process of being so immunized” provision and who has not complied with the immunization intervals prescribed by the Director of Health shall be excluded from school on the 15th day of the following school year. Any student so excluded shall be readmitted upon showing evidence to the student’s building principal of progress on the Director of Health’s interval schedule.

A student who has had natural rubeola, mumps, or chicken pox and presents a signed statement from the student’s parent, guardian or physician to that effect, is not required to be immunized against rubeola, mumps, or chicken pox.

A student who presents a written statement of the student’s parent or guardian in which the parent or guardian objects to the immunization for reasons of conscience, including religious convictions, is not required to be immunized.

A student whose physician certifies in writing that such immunization against any of the diseases set forth in this policy is medically contraindicated is not required to be immunized against the disease.

The District may deny admission to a student otherwise exempted from the chicken pox immunization requirement if the Director of the State Department of Health notifies the school's principal or Superintendent that a chicken pox epidemic exists in the District's population. The denial or admission shall cease when the director notifies the principal or Superintendent that the epidemic no longer exists.

The Superintendent or designee shall establish methods whereby the academic standing of a student who is denied admission during a chicken pox epidemic may be preserved.

LEGAL REFS: O.R.C. §§3301.60; 3313.67; 3313.671

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