

IMMUNIZATION

No pupil at the time of initial entry or at the beginning of each school year shall be permitted to remain in school for more than fourteen (14) days unless the pupil presents written evidence satisfactory to the district that the pupil 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 pupil who begins kindergarten at an elementary school shall be permitted to remain in school for more than fourteen (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 chicken pox.

Pursuant to O.R.C. §3301.60, if the pupil 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 pupil to remain in school for thirty (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 pupil has been immunized or is in the process of being so immunized.

“In the process of being so immunized” means the pupil has been immunized against mumps, rubeola rubella, chicken pox, and meningococcal disease, and if the pupil has not been immunized against poliomyelitis, diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, and hepatitis B, the pupil has received at least the first dose of the immunization sequence, and presents written evidence to the pupil’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 fifteenth 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 pupil who has had natural rubeola, mumps, or chicken pox and presents a signed statement from the pupil’s parent, guardian or physician to that effect, is not required to be immunized against rubeola, mumps, or chicken pox.

A pupil who presents a written statement of the pupil’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 pupil 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 pupil 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 school 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 pupil 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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