

Immunization of Students

The superintendent or designee(s) shall annually provide parents/guardians of each student enrolled in the district a copy of the standardized immunization document developed by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. The standardized immunization document includes a list of required and recommended immunizations and the age at which each immunization should be given, the school's specific immunization and exemption rates for the measles, mumps, and rubella vaccine for the school's enrolled student population for the previous school year compared to the vaccinated children standard, and a statement that the school is required to collect and report the information, but the school does not control the school's specific immunization rates or establish the vaccinated children standard.

No student is permitted to attend or continue to attend any school in this district without meeting the legal requirements of immunization against disease unless the student has presented one of the following, as provided by law:

- a written authorization signed by a parent/guardian requesting local public health officials administer the immunizations;
- a certificate of medical exemption;
- a certificate of completion of the online education module administered by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment; or
- a certificate of nonmedical exemption.

Students who do not submit an up-to-date certificate of immunization, a written authorization signed by one parent/guardian requesting local public health officials to administer the immunizations, or a valid certificate of medical or nonmedical exemption will be suspended and/or expelled from school according to this policy's accompanying regulation.

All information distributed to parents/guardians by the district will inform them of their rights to seek an exemption from immunization requirements.

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LEGAL REFS.: C.R.S. 22-32-140 (*annual distribution of standardized immunization document required*)
C.R.S. 22-33-106 (*grounds for suspension, expulsion and denial of admission*)
C.R.S. 25-4-901 *et seq.* (*school entry immunizations*)
6 CCR 1009-2 (*school immunization requirements*)

CROSS REFS.:

Board policies:

EL-9, Treatment of Students Parents and Community

EL-11, School Safety

Administrative policies:

JF, Admission and Denial of Admission

JFABE*, Students in Foster Care
JKD/JKE, Suspension/Expulsion of Students (and Other Disciplinary Interventions)
JRA/JRC, Student Records/Release of Information on Students

NOTE: State law also requires schools, on or by February 15, 2021 and every year thereafter, to include on the standardized immunization document the school's specific immunization and exemption rates for the measles, mumps, and rubella vaccine for the school's enrolled student population for the previous school year compared to the vaccinated children standard of 95%. C.R.S. 25-4-902 (4)(b).

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1. No student may attend school in the district unless the student has presented to the school an up-to-date certificate of immunization, a written authorization signed by a parent/guardian requesting local public health officials administer the immunizations or a valid certificate of medical or nonmedical exemption form.
2. A student will be exempted from required immunizations only upon submission of one of the following:
 - a. a completed certificate of medical exemption from a licensed physician, a qualified physician assistant, or advanced practice nurse 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 completed certificate of completion of the online education module administered by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.
 - c. a completed certificate of nonmedical exemption signed by a parent/guardian or an emancipated student and a physician, qualified physician assistant, or advanced practice nurse.

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

3. Parents/guardians or emancipated students who assert a nonmedical exemption must submit either a completed certificate of completion of the online education module administered by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment or a completed certificate of nonmedical exemption that is signed by a parent/guardian or emancipated student and a physician, qualified physician assistant, or advanced practice nurse on an annual basis. Such submission will occur at the beginning of each school year that the non-medical exemption is asserted.
4. Parents/guardians or emancipated students who assert an exemption from immunizations based on a medical reason must submit the required medical exemption form to the school one time. The medical exemption form must be maintained on file at each new school the student attends.
5. Each school in the district annually provides the school's specific immunization and exemption rates for the measles, mumps, and rubella vaccine for the school's enrolled student population for the previous school year compared to the vaccinated children standard.
6. The district will provide upon request an immunization reporting form. The appropriate school official (e.g., school nurse, health aide, principal) is

responsible for seeing that required information is included on the form and transferred to an official certificate of immunization as required.

7. If there is a failure to comply with the immunization requirements, the school nurse will personally notify the parent/guardian or emancipated student. Such notification will be accomplished by telephone, email, or in person. If this is not possible, contact will be by physical mail. Emancipated students must be contacted directly rather than through their parents/guardians.

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

- a. that up-to-date immunizations are required under Colorado law.
 - b. that within 14 days of notification, the parent/guardian must submit one of the following: an authorization for administration of the immunization by public health officials; a completed certificate of medical or nonmedical exemption; a completed certificate of completion of the online education module administered by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment; 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 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.
8. 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, in accordance with applicable law.
 9. If no certificate of immunization is received during the period of suspension, the superintendent will institute proceedings for expulsion.
 10. Any suspension or expulsion under this policy will terminate automatically upon compliance.
 11. 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.

Students in out-of-home placements

The following procedure applies to students in out-of-home placements, as that term is defined by C.R.S. 22-32-138 (1)(h).

Unless the district or school is otherwise authorized to deny enrollment to a student in out-of-home placement, the district or school must enroll the student regardless of whether the district or school has received the student's immunization records. Upon

enrolling the student, the school must notify the student's legal guardian that unless the school receives the student's certificate of immunization or a written authorization for administration of immunizations within 14 days after the student enrolls, the school will suspend the student until such time as the school receives the certificate of immunization or authorization.

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