

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS POLICY**IMMUNIZATION CERTIFICATION STATEMENT:**

At the time of first admission to any public school within this district, and before attendance, all students must present an immunization certification statement signed by a physician or a physician's representative stating the type, number, and dates of immunizations received. Alternatively, at the request of the parent or guardian, the district will access the voluntary statewide registry of immunization state (IRIS) maintained by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare to verify whether the student has received the required immunizations. Immunizations shall be in accordance with the schedule set forth below, unless fewer doses are medically recommended and documented by a physician.

DEFINITIONS

Immunization Record. An electronic medical health record, an immunization registry document, or a written immunization certificate confirmed by a licensed health care professional or a physician's representative which states the month, day, and year of each immunization a person has received.

Laboratory Proof. A certificate from a licensed medical laboratory stating the type of test performed, the date of each test, and the results, accompanied by a physician's statement indicating the child is immune.

Licensed Health Care Professional. A practitioner, licensed in the State of Idaho by the Board overseeing the practitioner's license, or by a similar body in another state or jurisdiction within the United States. The practitioner's scope of practice for licensure must allow for the ordering of immunizations and writing of prescriptions, or the practitioner must be under the direction of a licensed physician. Licensed health care professionals who may provide for immunization requirements include medical doctors, osteopaths, nurse practitioners, physicians' assistants, licensed registered nurses, and pharmacists. Other persons authorized by law to practice any of the healing arts shall not be considered licensed health care professionals for purposes of this policy.

Parent, Custodian or Guardian. The legal parent, custodian, or guardian of a child or those with limited power of attorney for the temporary care or custody of a minor child.

Physician's Representative. Any person appointed by or vested with authority to act on behalf of a physician in matters concerning health.

School Authority. An authorized representative designated by the Board of Trustees of this school district.

Idaho Health and Welfare School Immunization Link:

<http://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/Health/Immunizations/SchoolImmunizations/tabid/885/Default.aspx>

To enter or transfer into public schools, all children in preschool and grades K-12 must meet immunization requirements at registration and before attendance. No child shall attend school without proof of immunization status.

The goal of the School Immunization Law is to improve the overall health of Idaho’s children by ensuring each child is adequately protected against the vaccine preventable diseases of Polio, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus, Hepatitis A and B, and Varicella.

IMMUNIZATIONS REQUIRED:

1. Any school-aged child may attend grades preschool and kindergarten through twelfth grade, if otherwise eligible, provided that upon admission and prior to attendance, the parent/guardian provides proof of immunization against the vaccine preventable childhood diseases.
2. If a child has started, but not completed, the required number of immunizations, then prior to admission, an Idaho Conditional Admission to School Form must be submitted as proof of the start of the immunization process. If a parent does not follow through with the Schedule of Intended Immunizations and provide verification of each immunization as it is given, then the child must be denied attendance until verification is provided.
3. Immunization information will be in the form of a record signed by a physician or a physician’s representative, or another licensed health care professional; shall verify that such child has received, or is in the process of receiving immunizations as specified by the state board of health and welfare; or can effectively demonstrate, through verification in a form approved by the department of health and welfare, immunity gained through prior contraction of the disease.
4. This statement must provide the vaccine type, number, and date of each immunization the child has received or that the child is immune through prior illness (physician diagnosed measles or mumps disease or laboratory proof of immunity).
5. Immunizations required: (Please refer to the Department of Health and Welfare for a detailed account of the required immunizations.)
 - A. **Children born on or before September 1, 1999** – must have a minimum of:
 - Four (4) Diphtheria, Tetanus, Persussis (DTaP), One (1) Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR), Three (3) Polio, and Three (3) Hepatitis B
 - B. **Children born after September 1, 1999, through September 1, 2005** – must have a minimum of:
 - Five (5) Diphtheria, Tetanus, Persussis (DTaP), Two (2) Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR), Three (3) Polio, and Three (3) Hepatitis B

- C. **Children Born after September 1, 2005** – must have a minimum of:
 - Five (5) Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP), Two (2) Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR), Four (4) Polio, and Three (3) Hepatitis B, Two (2) Hepatitis A, and Two (2) Varicella

- D. **7th – 12th Grade Immunization Requirements** – Effective 2016-2017 school year, and each year thereafter, prior to admission into the 7th grade must meet the following minimum immunization requirements in addition to school entry requirements:
 - Five (5) Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis (DTaP) or One (1) Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis Booster (Tdap), One (1) Meningococcal, Two (2) Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR), Four (4) Polio, Three (3) Hepatitis B, Two (2) Hepatitis A, and Two (2) Varicella

- E. **12th Grade Immunization Requirements** – Effective 2020-2021 school year, and each year thereafter, prior to admission into the 12th grade must meet the following minimum immunization requirements in addition to school entry requirements:
 - Students who received their first dose of Meningococcal (MenACWY) vaccine before the age of sixteen (16) must have two (2) doses of Meningococcal (MenACWY) vaccine

 - Students who received their first dose of Meningococcal (MenACWY) vaccine at sixteen (16) years of age and older, or those who have never received a dose, must have one (1) dose of Meningococcal (MenACWY) vaccine

SCHEDULE OF INTENDED IMMUNIZATIONS:

A statement must be received from a parent/guardian of any student who is not immunized, excepted or exempted, and who is in the process of receiving, or has been scheduled to receive, the required immunizations. The statement must be provided to the school at the time of the first admission and before attendance providing the following information:

1. Name and age of the student;
2. School attending and grade in which the student is enrolled;
3. Type, number, and dates of immunizations to be administered;
4. Signature of the legal parent/guardian providing the information; and
5. Signature of a physician or physician’s representative.

If a student is admitted to school and fails to continue the schedule of intended immunizations, that student will be excluded from school until documentation is presented setting forth the administration of the required immunization(s).

EXCEPTIONS:

When supporting documentation is in the possession of school authorities at the time of admission and before attendance, a student who meets one (1) or both of the following conditions will not be required to receive the required immunizations to attend school:

1. Laboratory Proof – When a student submits laboratory proof of immunity to any of the childhood diseases identified above, the student will not be required to receive the immunization for the diagnosed disease.
2. Disease Diagnosis – A student who has a statement signed by a licensed health care professional stating that the student has had varicella (chickenpox) disease diagnosed by a licensed health care professional upon personal examination will not be required to receive the immunization for the diagnosed disease.

EXEMPTIONS:

A student who supplies documentation to the district at the time of admission and before attendance of one (1) or both of the following conditions is not required to receive the required immunizations:

1. Life or Health Endangering Circumstances. A signed statement of a licensed physician that the student's life or health would be endangered if any or all the required immunizations are administered.
2. Religious or Other Objections. A signed statement of the parent, custodian, or legal guardian that must be either:
 - a. On a standard form of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare or similar form provided by the school district; or
 - b. A signed statement that includes:
 - i. The name and date of birth of the student;
 - ii. A statement indicating that the student is exempt from immunization as provided by this policy and Idaho law for religious or other objections; and
 - iii. The signature of the parent, custodian, or legal guardian.

EXCLUSION FROM SCHOOL:

A student not in compliance with this policy upon first admission in preschool or in kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) may be denied attendance by this district, unless the student is excepted or exempted as provided herein. Any student denied attendance will not be allowed to

attend any schools within this district until he or she is in compliance with this policy. The Idaho Department of Health and Welfare may exclude any student who has not been immunized in accordance with Idaho law and may also exclude any exempted student in the event of a disease outbreak.

This district will exclude from school students who are diagnosed or suspected of having a contagious or infectious disease and students who have been exposed to contagious or infectious disease for which they have not been immunized. This district will also close school on order of the state board of health or the local health authorities.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:

A copy of a report of each school's immunization status, by grade will be submitted to the State Department of Education (SDE) on or before November 1 of each school year. The following information shall be reported on a SDE form or electronically:

1. School and enrollment identification information including:
 - a. Inclusive dates of reporting period;
 - b. Name and address of school, district, and count in which located;
 - c. Grade being reported and total number of students enrolled in each grade; and
 - d. The signature and title of the person completing the report form.

2. Total number of students enrolled and attending school in each grade who:
 - a. Meet all of the required immunizations;
 - b. Do not meet all of required immunizations, listed by specific immunization type;
 - c. Do not meet the immunization requirement, but are in the process of receiving the required immunizations; or
 - d. Have claimed an exemption to the required immunizations.

RECORDS:

1. Full and complete immunization records for each student must be retained in the student's permanent record file.



LEGAL REFERENCE:

Idaho Code Section 33-512(7) – Governance of Schools
Idaho Code Title 39 – Immunizations, Sections 39-4801 through 4903
IDAPA 16.02.15(101)(102) – Immunization Requirements for Idaho School Children
Idaho Department of Health and Welfare

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