

IMMUNIZATIONS OF STUDENTS

Subject to the exemptions as provided by law, no student shall be enrolled unless the student can present satisfactory evidence of commencement and completion of immunization in accordance with the immunization schedule and rules and regulations of the Public Health Division, except that a homeless student shall not be prevented from attendance until the fifth (5th) calendar day after enrollment.

The student is exempt from immunization pursuant to Section 6.12.2.8 NMAC upon filing with the governing authority:

- a statement or certificate signed by a licensed physician or certified nurse practitioner stating that the physical condition of the person seeking enrollment is such that immunization would seriously endanger the life or health of the person;
- an exemption granted by the public health division on the basis of:
 - notarized affidavits or written affirmation from an officer of a recognized religious denomination that such student's parents or guardians are bona fide members of a denomination whose religious teaching requires reliance upon prayer or spiritual means alone for healing; or
 - notarized affidavits or written affirmation from the student's parent or legal guardian that the student's religious beliefs, held either individually or jointly with others, do not permit the administration of vaccine or other immunizing agent.

^ An original copy of an affidavit or written affirmation for either of the above exemption requests shall be forwarded to the Director of Public Health Division by the Superintendent of Schools within seven (7) days of receipt.

Exemption from obtaining the required immunizations, when approved, is valid for a period not to exceed nine (9) months and will not extend beyond the end of the school year in which the student is currently enrolled.

Any student with serologic confirmation of the presence of specific antibodies against a vaccine-preventable disease shall not be subject to immunization against that disease as a condition for attending school.

The District will cooperate with ~~health departments~~ Public Health Division in programs of immunization. Parents' permission must be secured before a student may participate in such immunization projects.

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