

IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

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.

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 twelve grades, 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, Persussis (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, Persussis (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

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/EXEMPTIONS:

Student who supplies documentation to the district of one (1) or more of the following conditions is not required to undergo the required relevant immunizations:

1. All exemptions must be documented on the official State of Idaho Form provided by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, Immunization Program.

A signed statement of a licensed physician that the student's life or health would be endangered if any or all of the required immunizations are administered.

The law does not allow parents/guardians to claim an exemption because the shot record is lost or incomplete, or because it is too much trouble to contact the physician or clinic and obtain a copy.

Schools should maintain an up-to-date list of pupils with exemptions so they can be excluded quickly if an outbreak occurs.

2. Laboratory proof of immunity to any of the eight (8) childhood diseases set forth above.

A signed statement of a licensed physician stating that the student has had Measles or Mumps disease diagnosed by the physician upon personal examination.

3. A signed statement of the parent/guardian setting forth the following information:

- a. Name of the student; and
- b. A statement of objection on religious or other grounds.

4. A copy of the parent's statement or the physician's statement shall be retained in the student's permanent record file.

EXCLUSION FROM SCHOOL:

A student not in compliance with this policy upon first admission in preschool or in kindergarten through grade twelve (K-12) will be denied attendance by this district. 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.

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 Section 39-4801-4803

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