

STUDENT IMMUNIZATIONS

Students admitted to any school in the District shall be required to present written evidence of meeting the state immunization requirements or to provide the appropriate waiver.

Immunization requirements may be waived if the student's parent or guardian, or an adult student, submits a written statement to the school identifying their objections to the immunization(s) for reasons of health, religion, or personal conviction. In the case of a waiver for health reasons, the Department of Health Services (DHS) requires a physician's signature certifying that one or more vaccinations is or may be harmful to the student's health.

The designated Office Secretary, building principal and the District Nurse or contracted RN shall be responsible for notifying students and parents and guardians of the immunization requirements, the availability of an immunization waiver, and the possible consequences for noncompliance. In addition, the designated Office Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining complete and up-to-date immunization records for each student attending school in the District, issuing appropriate individualized notices of noncompliance, and submitting required reports to the local health department.

The building principal shall be responsible for giving notice of and enforcing any exclusion from school that is related to the student's immunization status. Except where exclusion is required by law or by order of the DHS, or as determined by the School Board, the District shall not exclude a student from school due to lack of compliance with immunizations/waiver requirements provided that the District determines that there is no undue risk to the health of others and that the student's parent or guardian (or adult student) is actively cooperating with school and health officials and taking reasonably-available steps that would facilitate reaching compliance as soon as reasonably possible.

An immunization plan shall be developed by the Board, in cooperation with public health agencies and officials, to encourage compliance with state immunization requirements. The plan shall be reviewed annually and revised as necessary. This plan shall be submitted to the DHS annually as required by law.

LEGAL REFERENCES:

Wisconsin Statutes

Section 115.997(4)	[facilitating timely enrollment of military children]
Section 118.125	[maintenance and disclosure of student records]
Section 118.13	[student nondiscrimination]
Section 120.12(16)	[school board duty; develop immunization plan and submit annually to DHS]
Section 120.13(1)(c)	[procedures a student and parent may use to appeal an exclusion from school of more than 10 days due to noncompliance with immunization requirements]
Section 252.04	[student immunization requirements; consequences for noncompliance]

Wisconsin Administrative Code

DHS 144	[student immunization requirements]
DHS 146	[state-provided immunization programs]

Federal Laws

McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act [facilitating timely enrollment of homeless children and youth; providing assistance in obtaining immunization records]

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