

STUDENT IMMUNIZATIONS

Before entering a public school, every pupil shall furnish a certificate certifying that the pupil has been immunized against communicable diseases as required by Sections 32.1-46, 22.1-271.2 and 22.1-271.4 of the Code of Virginia, has begun receiving the first series of all such vaccinations or is exempt as provided elsewhere in this policy. Any parent, guardian, or other person having control or charge of a child being home instructed or exempted or excused from school attendance shall comply with state immunization requirements.

Conditional Enrollment

A student may be enrolled for a period of ninety (90) school days contingent upon the student's having received at least one dose of each of the required vaccines and the student's possessing a plan, from a physician or local health department, for completing his or her immunization requirements within the ensuing ninety (90) school days; except that a student who has not yet received a second dose of measles (rubella) vaccine must receive such second dose pursuant to the State Board of Health minimum immunizations required to school attendance.

Exemptions

1. When the parent or guardian has an objection on the grounds that the administration and immunizing agents conflict with his or her religious tenets or practices and provides the principal with a written statement of such objection, unless an emergency or a disease epidemic has been declared by the State Board of Health.
2. When the parent or guardian presents a statement from a physician that states that the physical condition of the child is such that the administration of one or more of the required immunizing agents would be detrimental to the health of the child.

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Evidence of Immunization

Evidence acceptable for proof of required immunizations must include the month, day, and year each dosage was administered on forms developed by or approved by the State Department of Health.

All students for whom dates cannot be provided (month, day, year) must be referred to the local health department or their private physicians to update their records before entering school.

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Legal Ref.: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, Sections 22.1-271.2, 22.1-271.4, 32.1-43, 32.1-46, 32.1-48.