

STUDENT HEALTH AND IMMUNIZATION CERTIFICATES

Students desiring to participate in athletic activities or enrolling in kindergarten or first grade in the school district will have a physical examination by a licensed physician and provide proof of such an examination to the school district. A physical examination and proof of such an examination may be required by the administration for students in other grades enrolling for the first time in the school district.

A certificate of health stating the results of a physical examination and signed by the physician is on file at the attendance center. Each student will submit an up-to-date certificate of health upon the request of the superintendent. Failure to provide this information may be grounds for disciplinary action.

Students enrolling in kindergarten will have, at a minimum, a dental screening preformed by a licensed medical professional (physician, nurse, physician assistant, dentist, dental hygienist). To be valid the student must have a screening between the student turning 3 years of age and 4 months following the student's enrollment in the district. The student will be required to submit proof of such a screening to the district. Students enrolling in 9th grade will have, at a minimum, a dental screening performed by licensed dentist or dental hygienist sometime between 1 year prior to the student's enrollment in the district and 4 months following the student's enrollment in the district. The student will be required to submit proof of such a screening to the district.

All children enrolling in kindergarten are required to have a vision screening no earlier than 1 year prior and no later than six months after enrollment. An ophthalmologist, pediatrician, physician or professional licensed for the test can perform the screening. The student will be required to submit proof of such a screening to the district. All students enrolling in 3rd grade must have a vision screening no earlier than 1 year prior to enrollment and no more than 6 months after. An ophthalmologist, pediatrician, physician or professional licensed for this test can perform the screening. The student will be required to submit proof of such a screening to the district. The school will provide vision screenings for students who have not submitted proof of screening.

Students enrolling for the first time in the school district will also submit a certificate of immunization against diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, poliomyelitis, rubeola, rubella, and other immunizations required by law. The student may be admitted conditionally to the attendance center if the student has not yet completed the immunization process but is in the process of doing so. Failure to meet the immunization requirement will be grounds for suspension, expulsion or denial of admission. Upon recommendation of the Iowa Department of Education and Iowa Department of Public Health, students entering the district for the first time may be required to pass a TB test prior to admission. The district may conduct TB tests of current students.

Exemptions from the immunization requirement in this policy will be allowed only for medical or religious reasons recognized under the law. The student must provide a valid Iowa State Department of Health Certificate of Immunization Exemption to be exempt from this policy.

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