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3 **STUDENTS**

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5 Student Immunization

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7 The Board requires all students to present evidence of their having been immunized against the following
8 diseases: varicella, diphtheria, pertussis (whooping cough), poliomyelitis, measles (rubeola), mumps,
9 rubella, and tetanus in the manner and with immunizing agents approved by the department.
10 Haemophilus influenza type “b” immunization is required for students under age five (5). Upon initial
11 enrollment, an immunization status form shall be completed by the student’s parent or guardian. The
12 certificate shall be made a part of the student’s permanent record.
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14 A student who transfers into the District may photocopy immunization records in the possession of the
15 school of origin. The District will accept the photocopy as evidence of immunization. Within thirty (30)
16 days after a transferring student ceases attendance at the school of origin, the school shall retain a certified
17 copy for the permanent record and send the original immunization records for the student to the school
18 district to which the student transfers. Exemptions from one or more vaccines shall be granted for medical
19 reasons upon certification by a physician indicating the specific nature and probable duration of the
20 medical condition for not administering the vaccine(s). Exemptions for religious reasons must be filed
21 annually. The statement for an exemption shall be maintained as part of the student’s immunization
22 record. The permanent file of students with exemptions shall be marked for easy identification, should
23 the Department of Public Health and Human Services order that exempted students be excluded from
24 school temporarily when the risk of contracting or transmitting a disease exists. Exclusion shall not
25 exceed thirty (30) calendar days.
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27 The administrator may allow the commencement of attendance in school by a student who has not been
28 immunized against each disease listed in § 20-5-403, MCA, if that student has received one or more doses
29 of varicella, polio, measles (rubeola), mumps, rubella, diphtheria, pertussis, and tetanus vaccine, except
30 that Haemophilus influenza type “b” vaccine is required only for children under 5 years of age.
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32 The District shall exclude a student for noncompliance with the immunization laws and properly notify
33 the parent or guardian. The local health department may seek an injunction requiring the parent to submit
34 an immunization status form, take action to fully immunize the student, or file an exemption for personal
35 or medical reasons.
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37 This policy does not apply to or govern vaccinations against COVID-19. The Board does not require
38 immunization against COVID-19 in order to enroll in the District in accordance with Montana
39 law. District officials shall not inquire about the COVID-19 vaccination status of students, employees, or
40 visitors. District officials shall not make decisions regarding access to District services for students,
41 employees, or visitors based upon an individual’s COVID-19 vaccination status. Students enrolled in dual
42 credit courses in accordance with District policies may be subject to distinct immunization requirements
43 of the applicable post-secondary institution.
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45 Legal Reference:	§ 20-3-324(20), MCA	Powers and duties
	§ 20-5-402 - 410, MCA	Health
	§ 20-5-403, MCA	Immunization required – release and acceptance
		of immunization records
	§ 20-5-405, MCA	Medical or religious exemption
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