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The Board of Education believes that immunization is one of the most cost-effective measures to protect children from vaccine-preventable diseases. Accordingly, the Board requires that all students be properly immunized at the time of registration or not later than the first day of school pursuant to the provisions of the Department of Health and Human Services ("DHHS") regulations.

Students must meet the immunization requirements set by **the** State for attendance at school in order to enroll or attend.

Students who do not meet the immunization requirements on the opening day of school shall be admitted by the Superintendent in accordance with District administrative procedures. Transfer students shall not be admitted without proof of immunization as required by the State.

There are three (3) circumstances in which a required vaccine may be waived or delayed:

- A. A valid medical contraindication exists to receiving the vaccine. The child's physician must certify the contraindication, **the vaccines involved, and the time frame the student is not able to get the vaccines,** on the appropriate form.
- B. The parents hold religious or philosophical beliefs against receiving a vaccination. Any parent/guardian/in loco parentis who wants to claim a nonmedical waiver will need to receive education regarding the benefits of vaccination and the risks of disease from a county health department before obtaining the certified nonmedical waiver form through the Local Health Department.
- C. The child has received at least one (1) dose of each immunizing agent and the next dose(s) are not due yet. **The District must follow up with the parent or legal guardian to ensure the student has received the required follow-up dose(s) of the vaccine.**

When the District provides information on immunizations, infectious disease, medications, or other school health issues to parents and guardians of students in at least grades 6, 9, and 12, the Board shall include information about meningococcal meningitis and, the vaccine for meningococcal meningitis and about human papillomavirus and the vaccine for human papillomavirus. The information shall include at least the causes and symptoms of meningococcal meningitis and how it is spread and the risks associated with human papillomavirus. In addition, the information shall include sources where parents/guardian may obtain additional information about both diseases and where they may obtain meningococcal meningitis and/or human papillomavirus vaccination of a child.

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