



Georgia Department of Education

Policies and Procedures

Policy Title:	Immunizations, State Schools		
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Purpose

To describe the Georgia Immunization requirements for admission and attendance at State Schools.

Applicability

This policy applies to all students at State Schools.

Policy

The State Schools shall adhere to all student/child immunization policies and procedures described within Georgia state law and rule.

General Provisions

1. The School Director or their designee in each school shall determine that students meet the immunization requirements. The School Director may grant a 30-calendar day waiver of the immunization requirements for a justified reason so that immunizations may be completed. The waiver may be extended from the date of first admittance or of first attendance, whichever is earlier, for up to 90 calendar days provided documentation is on file at the school or facility from the local health department or a physician specifying that an immunization sequence has been started and that this immunization time schedule can be completed within the 90 day waiver period, provided confirmation is received during the waiver period from the health department or physician that immunizations are being received as scheduled, and provided the student under waiver is a transfer student.
2. Upon expiration of the waiver period, the student shall not be admitted to or be permitted to attend the school unless the student submits a complete Georgia Certificate of Immunization.
3. The School Director shall accept immunization certificates signed by a physician licensed in the State of Georgia or a qualified representative of the health department stating that a child has a physical disability which in his/her opinion makes vaccination of one or all required immunizations inadvisable.

4. If immunization requirements conflict with the religious beliefs of the parents/guardians and their children, the parent/guardian must supply the School Director with an affidavit stating that fact. During an epidemic or threatened epidemic of any disease preventable by an immunization required by the Georgia Department of Human Resources, students who have not been immunized may be excluded from school until (1) they are immunized against the disease, unless they present valid evidence of prior disease or (2) the epidemic or threat no longer constitutes a significant public health danger.

**Authority and/or
Cross-Reference**

- State Standards J 2.1; J 2.2, 20-2-771
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