

453.2 - STUDENT IMMUNIZATIONS

Students admitted to any school in the District shall be required to present written evidence of meeting the state immunization requirements or to provide the appropriate waiver.

Immunization requirements may be waived if the student's parent or guardian, or an adult student, submits a written statement to the school identifying their objections to the immunization(s) for reasons of health, religion, or personal conviction. In the case of a waiver for health reasons, the Department of Health Services (DHS) requires a physician's signature certifying that one or more vaccinations is or may be harmful to the student's health.

The Building Principal and Health Care Coordinator shall be responsible for notifying students and parents and guardians of the immunization requirements, the availability of an immunization waiver, and the possible consequences for noncompliance. In addition, the Health Care Coordinator shall be responsible for maintaining complete and up-to-date immunization records for each student attending school in the District, issuing appropriate individualized notices of noncompliance, and submitting required reports to the local health department.

The Building Principal shall be responsible for giving notice of and enforcing any exclusion from school that is related to the student's immunization status. Except where exclusion is required by law or by order of the DHS, the District shall not exclude a student from school due to lack of compliance with immunizations/waiver requirements provided that the District determines that there is no undue risk to the health of others and that the student's parent or guardian (or adult student) is actively cooperating with school and health officials and taking reasonably-available steps that would facilitate reaching compliance as soon as reasonably possible.

Legal References: Sections 115.997(4); 118.125; 118.13; 120.12(16); 120.13(1)(c); & 252.04 of Wisconsin Statute, Wisconsin Administrative Code DHS 144 & DHS 146, McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act (Federal Law)

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