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EXPLANATION: IMMUNIZATION OF STUDENTS

Senate Bill 341 (2015) requires preschools, daycare centers and nursery schools to notify parents/guardians of children in those schools that they can ask whether any child in the preschool, daycare center or nursery school has an immunization exemption on file. (Please note that one exception—the parental exception—is available to parents/guardians of preschool children but is not available to K–12 students.) If a district does not operate a preschool, daycare center or nursery school, the district does not need to add this section, but the district should adopt the other revisions to this policy.

All children enrolling in any preschool, daycare center or nursery school must either have records demonstrating the child has the age-appropriate immunizations, documentation that they are in the process of receiving those immunizations or a medical, religious or parental exemption from obtaining those immunizations. Since many school districts operate preschools, daycare centers or nursery schools, MSBA has included that requirement in this policy.

The law does not require the district to release any information other than the fact that there is at least one student with an exemption. The law does not require the district to release the name of the child who has the exemption or the type of exemption, and MSBA does not recommend releasing this information.

Unless the parent/guardian was notified at the time of initial enrollment, the district must notify the parents/guardians of all students currently enrolled in district-sponsored preschools, daycare centers or nursery schools that they may request notice as to whether any students enrolled in those programs have filed an immunization exemption.

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IMMUNIZATION OF STUDENTS

It is the policy of the Camdenton R-III School District that all students attending the district schools shall be immunized in accordance with law.

The district will not allow a student to attend school until the district has satisfactory evidence on file **demonstrating** that the student has been immunized, that the immunization process has begun and satisfactory progress is being accomplished or that the student is exempted from obtaining immunizations in accordance with law.

A student is exempted from obtaining immunizations if the district has on file the completed, **original** forms necessary to prove that the student will not be immunized for religious or medical reasons. An exemption for medical reasons requires certification by a licensed doctor of medicine or doctor of osteopathy that either the immunization would seriously endanger the child's health or life or that the child has documentation of laboratory evidence of immunity to the disease. An exemption for religious reasons requires written certification from one parent or guardian that immunization of the student violates his or her religious beliefs.

Homeless students who cannot provide proof of immunization will be immediately enrolled, and the district's homeless coordinator will work with the students to obtain the necessary immunizations as soon as possible. Students who are in the household of an active duty member of the military and who cannot provide evidence of having received immunizations required under Missouri law shall be immediately enrolled and given 30 days to obtain the required immunizations or, if the immunization is a series, to begin the series.

The district will exclude from school all students who are not immunized or exempted as required by law. When immunization is in progress, failure to meet the next scheduled appointment constitutes noncompliance with the immunization law, and the student should be excluded from school immediately.

The district must report to the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) the name of any parent or guardian who neglects or refuses to permit a nonexempted student to be immunized. The district will also report to the Children's Division (CD) of the Department of Social Services any instance of educational or medical neglect.

The superintendent or designee shall institute procedures for the maintenance of health records, which are to show the immunization status of every child enrolled or attending in the district, and for the completion of all necessary reports in accordance with guidelines prepared by DHSS.

District-Sponsored Preschool, Daycare Centers and Nursery Schools

No child is permitted to enroll in or attend district-sponsored preschools, daycare centers or nursery schools until the district has satisfactory evidence demonstrating that the child has been immunized, that immunizations are in progress or that the student has an immunization exemption as permitted by law.

Upon request from a parent/guardian of a student enrolled in or attending district-sponsored preschools, daycare centers or nursery schools, the district will inform the parent/guardian whether any student enrolled or currently attending the facility in which the district-sponsored preschool, daycare center or nursery school is located has an immunization exemption on file. The district will only verify whether any student has an exemption on file. The district will not release any information that would identify a particular student with an exemption or a particular type of exemption.

The district will notify parents/guardians at the time of initial enrollment of their student in district-sponsored preschools, daycare centers or nursery schools that they may request notice from the district as to whether any students currently enrolled in or attending the facility have an immunization exemption on file with the district.

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Note: The reader is encouraged to check the index located at the beginning of this section for other pertinent policies and to review administrative procedures and/or forms for related information.

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Cross Refs: IGBCA, Programs for Homeless Students

Legal Refs: §§ 160.2000, 167.181 - .191, 210.003, RSMo.
19 C.S.R. 20-28.010, 20-28.040
No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, 20 U.S.C. §§ 6301 - 7941

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