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**AURORA PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

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## **IMMUNIZATION OF STUDENTS**

The Board directs the superintendent or designee(s) to annually provide parents/guardians of each student enrolled in the district a copy of the standardized immunization document developed by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. The standardized immunization document includes a list of required and recommended immunizations and the age at which each immunization should be given.

No student is permitted to attend or continue to attend any school in this district without meeting the legal requirements of immunization against disease unless the student has a valid exemption for health, religious, personal or other reasons as provided by law.

Students who do not submit an up-to-date certificate of immunization or a written authorization signed by one parent/guardian requesting local health officials to administer the immunizations or a valid exemption will be suspended and/or expelled from school according to this policy's accompanying regulation.

All information distributed to parents/guardians by the district will inform them of their rights to seek an exemption from immunization requirements.

**LEGAL REFS.:** C.R.S. 22-32-140 (annual distribution of standardized immunization document required)  
C.R.S. 22-33-106 (grounds for suspension, expulsion and denial of admission)  
C.R.S. 25-4-901 et seq. (school entry immunizations)  
6 CCR 1009-2 (school immunization requirements)

**CROSS REFS.:** JF, Admission of Students  
JFABE, Students in Foster Care  
JKD/JKE, Suspension/Expulsion of Students  
JRA/JRC, Student Records/Release of Information on Students

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- A. No student may attend school in the district unless the student has presented to the school an up-to-date certificate of immunization or a completed exemption form. [Note: please refer to current standardized immunization documents developed and updated by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment for a list of immunization requirements and recommendations.] A student shall be exempted from required immunizations only upon submission of:
1. Certification from a licensed physician that the student's physical condition is such that immunization would endanger the student's life or health or is otherwise medically contraindicated due to other medical conditions;
  2. A statement signed by the parent/guardian or the emancipated child that the student adheres to a religious belief whose teachings are opposed to immunizations;
  3. A statement signed by the parent/guardian or the emancipated child that the student holds a personal belief that is opposed to immunizations.
  4. In most cases the law requires that the statements referred to in subsections 2 and 3 above must be submitted on an annual basis.

In the event of an outbreak of disease against which immunization is required, no exemption will be recognized and those students will be excluded from school.

- B. The district will provide upon request an immunization reporting form. The appropriate school official is responsible for seeing that required information is included on the form and transferred to an official certificate of immunization as required.
- C. If there has been a failure to comply with the immunization requirements, the appropriate school official will personally notify the parent/guardian or emancipated student. Such notification will be accomplished either by telephone or in person. If this is not possible, contact will be by mail. Emancipated students must be contacted directly rather than through their parents/guardians.

The parent or emancipated student will be notified of the following:

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1. That up-to-date immunizations are required under Colorado law;
  2. That within fourteen (14) days of notification, the parent/guardian must submit either an authorization for administration of the immunization by health officials or a valid exemption or documentation to the school showing that the next required immunization has been given and a written plan for completion of all required immunizations ;
  3. That if the required documentation is not submitted within fourteen (14) days of notification or if the student begins but does not complete the written plan the student will be suspended or expelled.
- D. A student who fails to comply will be suspended by the principal for up to five days and a notice of the suspension sent to the Health Department.
- E. If no certificate of immunization is received during the period of suspension, the Superintendent will institute proceedings for expulsion.
- F. Any suspension or expulsion under this policy shall terminate automatically upon compliance.
- G. Record of any such suspension or expulsion shall be contained in the student's health file, with an appropriate explanation, **not in the student's disciplinary file.**

Any student expelled for failure to comply with the immunization requirements will not be included in calculating the dropout rate, but will be included in the annual report to the State Board of Education.

### **Students in out-of-home placements**

The following procedure shall apply to students in out-of-home placements, as that term is defined by C.R.S. 22-32-138(1)(e).

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Unless the district or school is otherwise authorized to deny enrollment to a student in out-of-home placement, the district or school shall enroll the student regardless of whether the district or school has received the student's immunization records. Upon enrolling the student, the school shall notify the student's legal guardian that unless the school received the student's certificate of immunization or a written authorization for administration of immunizations within fourteen (14) days after the student enrolls, the school shall suspend the student until such time as the school receives the certificate of immunization or authorization.