

Immunization Policy

General Policy

All students attending school must comply with NRS 392.435 **upon enrollment**. Required immunizations are Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Polio, Measles, Mumps and Rubella. This includes pre-school students, students pre-registering for Kindergarten, and students entering from private school.

New Students

Parent/guardian or student must present to the school, **upon enrollment**, a copy of immunization record and an immunization certificate from a Nevada Health Department or Pershing County School Health Services Coordinator (SHSC). **There is no grace period in Nevada**. The immunization certificate must include the administered immunization dates and the signature of the health department staff member, the SHSC, or their designee. Enrollment is not completed until the certificate has been received by the school secretary.

Exclusion for Currently Enrolled Students

Students **currently enrolled** and found to be out of compliance with the Immunization Law will be excluded from school attendance until the necessary immunizations are received. Exclusion Notices will be sent by mail, with a copy of the student's immunization record. A **maximum** of 10 working days is given for the student to receive the vaccine (*from the date of notice mailing*) before exclusion from school. The exclusion date will be on the letter. Exclusion Notices, if dated with immunizations given and the signature of a health care provider, will be accepted as proof of immunization.

Religious Exemption

Any parent or guardian wanting an exemption from immunizations because of religious beliefs must submit a letter to the PCSD Board of Trustees at the time of enrollment, that their religious beliefs prohibit immunizations. **There is no provision for personal exemptions in the immunization law**. The student may be enrolled immediately once the letter has been submitted.

The SHSC will document that a Religious Exemption has been requested. The principal and SHSC will be notified of Board decision.

Medical Exemption

Medical exemption (permanent or temporary) requires a letter from the student's medical provider. The SHSC may provide a temporary exemption based on current documented illness.

The school district will keep a list of all students who are exempt from immunizations for possible exclusion from school should a disease outbreak occur.

Conditional Enrollment

If parents submit a certificate that states the child is receiving the proper immunizations the child may be conditionally enrolled. If the certificate is not produced showing full immunization within 90 days of the conditional admission, the child will be excluded from school and not readmitted until the requirements have been met.

Certificate of Immunization

The Certificate of immunization is a part of the student's permanent cumulative record. The local health department shall have access to this record. A copy may be made of the immunization record at the parent's request.

Questions? Call the school nurse at 273-1147