

PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS OF STUDENTS/IMMUNIZATION OF STUDENTS

South Dakota law requires that any student entering school or an early childhood program in this state shall, prior to admission, be required to present to school authorities certification from a licensed physician that he or she has received those immunizations required by the State Department of Health.

As an alternative to the requirement for a physician's certification, the student may present:

1. certification from a licensed physician stating the physical condition of the child would endanger the child's life or health; or
2. a written statement signed by one parent or guardian that the child is an adherent to a religious doctrine whose teachings are opposed to such test and immunization; or
3. a written statement signed by one parent or guardian requesting that the local health department give the test and immunization because the parents or guardians lack the means to pay for such tests and immunization.

Building principals may not admit any student who has not submitted acceptable evidence of having received or is in the process of receiving the minimum immunization requirements.

Children transferring (at any grade level) into the school district during the school term and who have not previously completed the required immunizations must be informed of the necessary immunization requirements. They may then be given up to sixty (60) days to show compliance. Building principals should advise parents/guardians that failure to obtain the required immunizations is basis for excluding their child/children from attending school until immunizations are completed.

Building principals must submit a copy of the South Dakota Department of Health "Certificate of Immunization" for all kindergarten enrollees to the state department of health by November 1st of each school year and within sixty (60) days following enrollment of transfer students. A copy of the "Certificate of Immunization" should be given to parents, and one copy must be retained as part

of the student's permanent record. If the student transfers to another school, a copy of the immunization record shall be forwarded to the new school.

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