

STUDENT PERSONNEL

Series 500

POLICY TITLE STUDENT HEALTH AND IMMUNIZATION CERTIFICATES No. 507.1

Johnston School Health Services encourages regular health examinations of all children by their family physician. The schools request a certificate of health stating the results of a physical examination and required immunizations annually of all preschoolers, kindergartners, 3rd grade students, 6th grade students, all students who are new to the district, and those with known health problems in any grade.

All students who participate in school sponsored athletic programs will be required to complete and submit an Athletic Pre-Participation Physical Examination. Parents may request an athletic physical form from either the health office or athletic office.

A certificate of health stating the results of a physical examination and required immunizations, signed by the physician, is on file at the attendance center. Each student will submit an up-to-date certificate of health upon the request of the superintendent. Failure to provide this information may be grounds for disciplinary action.

All Kindergarten students entering school are required to have a dental screening, lead screening, and vision screening. The results of the screenings should be submitted to the student's attendance center. Vision screenings are required once again before entering 3rd grade.

Students entering 7th or 12th grade must either receive the meningitis vaccine or have a documented exemption on file before going to school. All students entering or transferring into 7th grade will need proof of one dose of meningitis vaccine on or after their 10th birthday. All students entering or transferring into 12th grade will need proof of one dose of meningitis vaccine on or after their 16th birthday. Those students who do not have proof of at least one dose the meningitis vaccine or have a documented exemption on file will not be allowed to start school on the first day of the school year and will not be able to participate in any school functions such as athletics and other school activities.

Students enrolling for the first time in the school district will also submit a certificate of immunization in compliance with the Iowa School Immunization law or a valid Iowa State Department of Health Certificate of Immunization Exemption. The student may be admitted conditionally to the attendance center if the student has not yet completed the immunization process but is in the process of doing so. Failure to meet the immunization requirement will be grounds for suspension, expulsion or denial of admission. As Iowa school immunization is revised, all students, preschool through twelfth grade must update any required immunizations or have a medical or religious exemption on file. Upon recommendation of the Iowa Department of Education and Iowa Department of Public Health, students entering the district for the first time may be required to pass a Tuberculosis (TB) test prior to admission.

Exemptions from the immunization requirement in this policy will be allowed only for medical or

religious reasons recognized under the law. The student must provide a valid Iowa State Department of Health Certificate of Immunization Exemption to be exempt from this policy.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code §§ 139A.8; 280.13.
281 I.A.C. 33.5.
641 I.A.C. 7.

Cross Reference: 402.2 Child Abuse Reporting
501 Student Attendance
507 Student Health and Well-Being

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