

STUDENT HEALTH AND IMMUNIZATION CERTIFICATES

There are no state laws requiring a student not participating in athletics to submit a physical examination to attend kindergarten through twelfth grade. At certain times, the superintendent may request an up-to-date physical form for a student.

A student in 7th through 12th grade requesting participation in athletics shall present to the activities director a certificate signed by a licensed physician, osteopathic physician, osteopath, advanced registered nurse practitioner, physician's assistant, or qualified doctor of chiropractic, to the effect that the student has been examined and may safely engage as an interscholastic athlete in competition. This is valid for one year per Iowa High School Athletic Association's/Iowa Girls High School Athletic Union Handbook..

Current students must also present updated vaccine records to the school as necessary. A 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 removal or denial of admission. Students enrolling for the first time in the school district will also submit a certificate of immunization against diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, poliomyelitis, rubeola, rubella, and other immunizations required by law. Upon the 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 TB test prior to admission. The district may also conduct TB tests of current students.

Exemptions from the immunization requirement in this policy will be allowed only for medical or religious reasons recognized under law. The student must provide a valid Iowa Department of Health Certificate of Immunization Exemption form to be exempt from this policy.

The Statewide Voluntary Preschool program follows the Iowa Quality Preschool Program Standards [IQPPS] which requires a child's health record to include the results of a health examination, showing up to date immunizations, and screening tests with an indication of normal or abnormal results and any follow up required for abnormal results.

Legal Reference: Iowa Code §§ 139.9; 280.13 (2003)
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