

POLICY: STUDENT IMMUNIZATIONS

J PAUL TAYLOR ACADEMY

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I. PURPOSE

To enforce New Mexico Department of Health regulations, and govern the immunization of students at J Paul Taylor Academy (JPTA)

II. POSITION

JPTA supports the New Mexico Department of Health's objective of providing "for the health and safety of students enrolled in New Mexico schools, educational facilities and daycare centers by requiring immunizations to abate the spread of diseases that are dangerous to the public health," including all of the immunization requirements for public school students cited in 7.5.2 NMAC.

III. REQUIREMENTS

No student shall be enrolled at JPTA unless the student can present satisfactory evidence of commencement and completion of immunization in accordance with the Immunization Schedule and rules and regulations of the Public Health Division.

IV. EXEMPTIONS FROM IMMUNIZATION

A. The following is required for a student to be exempt from immunization pursuant to 6.12.2.8 NMAC:

1. A statement or certificate signed by a licensed physician or certified nurse practitioner stating that the physical condition of the person seeking enrollment is such that immunization would seriously endanger the life or health of the person.
2. An exemption granted by the Public Health Division on the basis of:
 - a. Notarized affidavits or written affirmation from an officer of a recognized religious denomination that such child's parents or guardians are bona fide members of a denomination whose religious teaching requires reliance upon prayer or spiritual means alone for healing; or
 - b. Notarized affidavits or written affirmation from his parent or legal guardian that his religious beliefs, held either individually or jointly with others, do not permit the administration of vaccine or other immunizing agent.

B. Exemption from obtaining the required immunizations is valid for a period not to exceed nine (9) months and will not extend beyond the end of the school year in which the child is currently enrolled.

V. DISENROLLMENT

If satisfactory evidence of commencement of and completion of immunization or an exemption from immunization in accordance with 6.12.2.9 NMAC is subsequently determined to be invalid for any reasons and the student is unable to provide either valid satisfactory evidence of commencement of and completion of immunization or a valid exemption from immunization in accordance with 6.12.2.9 NMAC, the administrative authority shall commence disenrollment proceedings.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY'S DUTY TO REPORT

- A. It is the duty of JPTA to prepare a record showing the required immunization status of every student enrolled in or attending the school.
- B. These records must be kept current and available to public health authorities.
- C. The name of any parent or guardian who neglects or refuses to permit his/her child to be immunized against diseases as required by rules and regulations promulgated by the Public Health Division shall be reported by the Executive Director to the Director of the Public Health Division within a reasonable time after such facts become known to the school.

Legal references: 6.12.2.8 NMAC, 6.12.2.9 NMAC, 7.5.2 NMAC