I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is comply with immunization requirements outlined in Minn. Stat. § 121A.15.

II. POLICY

A. Minn. Stat. § 121A.15 require that all children, prior to enrolling in a Minnesota school, must be immunized against diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough), polio, measles, mumps and rubella, Hepatitis B, and haemophilus influenzae type b or meet one of the allowable alternatives. The law allows for these exemptions:

1. A signed statement from a doctor exempting the person from the required vaccine because of medical reasons.
2. A notarized statement that immunization goes against personal beliefs. This statement must also be forwarded to the commissioner of the Department of Health.
3. If a person is at least five years old and has not been immunized against haemophilus influenzae type b, the person is not required to be immunized against haemophilus influenzae type b.
4. A person who is immunized against measles, rubella, mumps, and haemophilus influenzae type b and who has commenced a schedule of immunizations for diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio, and hepatitis B may be exempted provided they submit a statement from a physician or public clinic which indicates the month and year of each immunization received. Persons enrolled under this provision must provide proof of completed schedules of immunization within 18 months of enrollment.

B. The law states that the school administration will exclude any student from school attendance who fails to present a signed document indicating that the student is in compliance with the law.

Legal References:  
Minn. Stat. § 121A.15

Related Documents:  
Immunization Record