

DIOCESE OF DES MOINES

Catholic Schools Policies/Regulations

STUDENT PERSONNEL

Immunizations

It shall be the policy of the Diocesan Catholic Schools Office, under the aegis of the Bishop, that all students enrolled in a Catholic school be adequately immunized.

Iowa Code 139A.8 requires all students enrolling in an Iowa school to submit proof of immunizations to the admitting official using an Iowa Department of Public Health certificate of immunization or a provisional certificate, unless a valid certificate of religious or medical exemption has been submitted.

Iowa law requires parents and guardians to assure their children obtain legally required immunizations in accordance with the dose and age requirements and necessitates schools to exclude from enrollment children who are not adequately immunized. These vaccines include:

Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis (DTap)

Polio

Measles/Rubella (MMR)

Hepatitis B (Elementary or Secondary School)

Varicella

Meningococcal (A,C,W,Y) - (prior to entering 7th and 12th Grades)

Haemophilus influenzae type B - (24 months of age and older)

Pneumococcal - (24 months of age and older)

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