

Immunization

No student will be enrolled in any school in the district unless he has been immunized, as required under the rules and regulations of the State of New Mexico and can provide satisfactory evidence of such immunization. If the student produces satisfactory evidence of having begun the process of immunization, he may enroll and attend school as long as the immunization process is being accomplished in the prescribed manner. It is unlawful for any parent to refuse or neglect to have his child immunized unless the child is properly exempted. Out-of-state students shall have a six weeks period after enrollment to become immunized or to provide proof of immunization.

Exemptions

Any minor child through his parent or guardian may file with the principal of the school the certificate of a duly licensed physician stating that the physical condition of the child is such that immunization would seriously endanger the life or health of the child.

Any minor child through his parent or legal guardian may file affidavits or written affirmation from an officer of a recognized religious denomination with the State Health Agency, Health and Social Services Department, stating that such child's parents or guardian are bona fide members of a denomination whose religious teaching requires reliance upon prayer or spiritual means alone for healing.

Any minor child through his parent or legal guardian may file affidavits or written affirmation with the State Health Agency, Health and Social Services Department, stating that such child's parents or legal guardians religious beliefs, held either individually or jointly with others, do not permit the administration of vaccine or other immunizing agent. Upon filing and approval of such certificate, affidavit, or affirmation, the child is exempt from the legal requirement of immunization for a period not to exceed nine months on the basis of any one certificate, affidavit, or affirmation.