

## **ESD Immunization Policy**

1. IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS. Each student enrolled at The Episcopal School of Dallas shall be immunized against vaccine-preventable diseases caused by infectious agents in accordance with the most current immunization schedule adopted by the Texas Department of State Health Services.
2. All students shall have a complete and current immunization record on file for enrollment or re-enrollment to be valid.
  - a. The series and booster records must include:
    - i. Antigen and the month, day and year each vaccine was administered and
    - ii. The name, phone number, and title of the healthcare provider administering the vaccine.
3. Any student who fails to present the required evidence shall not be enrolled until the required up-to-date immunization record has been received.
4. To claim exemption for medical reasons, a written statement shall be received by the school from a board-certified allergy/immunology or hematology/oncology physician licensed by any state in the United States (M.D. or D.O.) who has examined the student and determines:
  - i. A vaccination to be medically contraindicated and injurious to the health and well-being of the child;
  - ii. or An allergy to the vaccination(s) identified in the statement and will suffer severe allergic reaction(s) described in the statement; or
  - iii. An immunodeficiency described in the statement and will suffer a serious health risk(s), which is also described in the statement if the student receives the vaccination(s) specifically identified in the statement; and
  - iv. The child does not pose a health risk to the school or community if enrolled without receiving an immunization; and
  - v. Is considered valid for one year from the date signed by the physician (unless it indicates a lifelong exemption).
5. A student may be enrolled provisionally if the student provides an immunization record that indicates the student has received at least one dose of each specified age-appropriate vaccine required by this rule. To remain enrolled the student must complete the required subsequent doses in each vaccine series on schedule and provide acceptable evidence of vaccination to the school. The provisional student's vaccine record will be reviewed every 30 days to ensure continued compliance in completing the required doses of vaccination. If at the end of any 30-day period, a student has not received a subsequent dose of vaccine on schedule, the student will not be in compliance and the school shall exclude the student from school attendance until the required dose is administered and proof of immunization has been provided to the school.

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