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1. PURPOSE AND PHILOSOPHY

Immunizations prevent the spread of communicable diseases and contribute to a safe and healthy learning environment for students and the broader school community. Utah law requires proof of a student's immunization against communicable diseases, unless specifically exempted, before the student may attend public school. Utah law also requires the withholding of the weighted pupil unit for a student unless the student has shown proof of immunization or exemption as described herein. The Board of Education of Nebo School District therefore adopts this policy outlining requirements for the immunization of students.

2. UTAH SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION RECORD (USIR)

- 2.1.** Pursuant to Utah Code Ann., Section 53A-11-301, a student may not attend a Nebo School District school without a certificate of immunization as described in this policy unless exempted for personal, medical, or religious objections as provided below, or unless the student qualifies for conditional enrollment as described below.
- 2.2.** Schools shall use the official Utah School Immunization Record (USIR) form provided by the Utah Department of Health as the record of each student's immunizations. Schools shall accept any immunization record provided by a licensed physician, registered nurse, or public health official as certification of immunizations, but the school shall transfer this information to the USIR with the following information:
 - 2.2.1.** Name of the student;
 - 2.2.2.** Student's date of birth;
 - 2.2.3.** Vaccine administered; and
 - 2.2.4.** The month, day, and year each dose of vaccine was administered.

- 2.3. Each school shall maintain on file a USIR for each student at the school. Each school shall attach the Utah Department of Health Exemption Form to the USIR of each student claiming an exemption.
 - 2.3.1. The school shall maintain up-to-date records of the immunization status for all students in all grades such that it can quickly exclude all non-immunized students if an outbreak occurs.
 - 2.3.2. If a student withdraws, transfers, is promoted or otherwise leaves school, the school shall transfer the USIR and any exemption form with the student's official school record to the new school, and upon request provide a copy of the USIR and exemption form to the parent.
- 2.4. A representative of the Utah Department of Health or the local health department may examine, audit, and verify immunization records maintained by the school.
- 2.5. Schools may keep the official school immunization records in the Utah Statewide Immunization Information System (USIIS).

3. EXEMPTIONS

- 3.1. A student may be exempt from receiving the required immunizations for medical, religious, or personal reasons as allowed by Utah law. A parent claiming one of these exemptions must provide to the school the required completed form obtained from the state or county Department of Health as applicable. Pursuant to Utah Code Ann., Section 53A-11-302, a student is exempt from receiving the required immunizations by providing to the state or county Department of Health, as applicable, one or more of the following:
 - 3.1.1. A certificate from a licensed physician stating that due to the physical condition of the student one or more specified immunizations would endanger the student's life or health;
 - 3.1.2. A completed form obtained at the county Department of Health providing a statement that the person has a personal belief opposed to immunizations, which is signed by the student's parent, guardian, legal-age sibling (if the student has no parent or guardian), or the student if of legal age, and witnessed by the local health officer or designee;
 - 3.1.3. A statement that the person is a bona fide member of a specified, recognized religious organization whose teachings are contrary to immunizations, signed by the student's parent, guardian, legal-age sibling (if the student has no parent or guardian), or the student if of legal age.

4. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Each school shall report the following to the Utah Department of Health in the form or format prescribed by the Department:

- 4.1. By November 30 of each year, a statistical report of the immunization status of students enrolled in kindergarten.
- 4.2. By November 30 of each year, a statistical report of the two-dose measles, mumps, and rubella immunization status of all kindergarten through twelfth grade students;
- 4.3. By November 30 of each year, a statistical report of tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis, hepatitis B, varicella, and the two-dose measles, mumps, and rubella immunization status of all seventh grade students; and
- 4.4. By June 15 of each year, a statistical follow-up report of those students not appropriately immunized from the November 30 report in all schools, kindergarten through twelfth grade.

5. NOTIFICATION TO PARENTS

With respect to any student for whom a school does not have a Utah School Immunization Record, the school shall notify by mail, telephone or in person the parent/guardian, a legal age brother or sister of a student who is without parent/guardian, or the student if of legal age, at least thirty (30) days before school begins that:

- 5.1. The school has no Utah School Immunization Record for the student;
- 5.2. The school may not admit the student without proof of immunization or evidence that the student qualifies for conditional enrollment or is exempted on medical, personal or religious grounds.
- 5.3. The student may be immunized and receive certification by a private physician or public health authority.
- 5.4. Immunizations are available from the local health department.
- 5.5. Students moving into Nebo School District during the summer shall be notified of these requirements at the time of first registration.

6. CONDITIONAL ENROLLMENT

- 6.1. A student who at the time of school enrollment has not been completely immunized, as provided in this policy may be allowed a conditional enrollment provided the student has received at least one dose of each specified vaccine prior to enrollment and is on schedule for subsequent immunizations.
- 6.2. The student's parent/guardian, a legal age brother or sister of a student who is without parent/guardian, or the student if of legal age, shall ensure that immunizations are completed on schedule and provide satisfactory evidence to the school that the student's immunizations have been obtained.
- 6.3. The immunization status of those students enrolled conditionally shall be reviewed by the school every thirty (30) days to ensure continued compliance until the student is completely immunized. If subsequent immunizations are one calendar month past due, the school must immediately exclude the student from school.

7. EXCLUSION OF STUDENTS NOT IN COMPLIANCE

- 7.1. Students enrolled conditionally shall be excluded from school if subsequent immunizations become one calendar month past due. Prior to a student's immunizations becoming one calendar month past due, the school shall provide to the parent or guardian written notice that the student will be excluded from school and of the student's right to file an exemption as outlined in Section 3 of this policy. The notice shall specify the date on which the student will be excluded from attendance at school. The date specified must be at least five (5) calendar days after the notice is provided to the parent/guardian. If by the date specified in the notice the school has not received either an exemption form or a completed immunization record, the school shall prohibit further attendance by the student.
- 7.2. Parents or guardians of children who are prohibited from attending school for failure to comply with the immunization requirements shall be referred to the juvenile court.

8. EXCLUSION OF EXEMPT AND CONDITIONALLY ENROLLED STUDENTS

- 8.1. Whenever there is good cause to believe that a student attending school under an exemption or conditional enrollment has a vaccine-preventable disease, has been exposed to a vaccine-preventable disease or will be exposed to a vaccine-preventable disease as a result of school attendance, the student may be excluded from the school by authority of the local health officer.

- 8.2.** The student may not attend school until the local health officer is satisfied that the student no longer risks contracting or transmitting the disease.

9. REQUIRED IMMUNIZATIONS

- 9.1.** The following are the minimum immunization requirements for attending a Utah School as defined in Utah Code Ann., Section 53A-11-301 U.C.A.:

9.1.1. A student born before July 1, 1993 must meet the minimum immunization requirements of the United States Public Health Service's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) prior to school entry for the following antigens: Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Polio, Measles, Mumps, and Rubella.

9.1.2. A student born after July 1, 1993 must meet the minimum immunization requirements of the ACIP prior to school entry for the following antigens: Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Polio, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, and Hepatitis B.

9.1.3. A student born after July 1, 1993 must also meet the minimum immunization requirements of the ACIP prior to entry into the seventh grade for the following antigens: Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis, and Varicella.

9.1.4. A student born after July 1, 1996 must meet the minimum immunization requirements of the ACIP prior to school entry for the following antigens: Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Polio, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Hepatitis B, Hepatitis A, and Varicella.

- 9.2.** All vaccines shall be administered in accordance with the current recommendations of (ACIP).

EXHIBITS

None

REFERENCES

Utah Code Ann., Section 53A-11-301 et seq.
Utah Admin. Code, Section R396-100 et seq.

FORMS

None
