

STUDENT IMMUNIZATIONS

No student shall be admitted by a school unless at the time of admission the student or his/her parent/guardian submits documentary proof of immunization as required by Va. Code §§ 22.1-271.2 and 32.1-46 to the admitting official of the school or unless the student is exempted from immunization as described below or is a student experiencing homelessness as defined in Va. Code § 22.1-3.

If a student does not have documentary proof of immunization, the school will notify the student or his/her parent/guardian:

- That it has no documentary proof of immunization for the student;
- That it may not admit the student without proof unless the student is exempted, including any student experiencing homelessness as defined in Va. Code § 22.1-3;
- That the student may be immunized and receive certification by a licensed physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, registered nurse, or an employee of a local health department; and
- How to contact the local health department to learn where and when it performs these services.

Any parent, guardian, or other person having control or charge of a child being home instructed or exempted or excused from school attendance, shall comply with immunization requirements provided in Va. Code § 22.1-271.4 and 32.1-46 in the same manner and to the same extent as if the child has been enrolled in and is attending school.

Conditional Enrollment

Any student whose immunizations are incomplete may be admitted conditionally if he/she provides documentary proof at the time of enrollment of having received at least one dose of the required immunizations accompanied by a schedule for completion of the required doses within 90 calendar days. If the student requires more than two doses of hepatitis B vaccine, the conditional enrollment period will be 180 calendar days.

The immunization record of each student admitted conditionally will be reviewed periodically until the required immunizations have been received.

Any student admitted conditionally who fails to comply with his/her schedule for completion of the required immunizations will be excluded from school until his/her immunizations are resumed.

Exemptions

No certificate of immunization is required for the admission to school of any student if:

- The student or his/her parent/guardian submits an affidavit to the admitting official stating that the administration of immunizing agents conflicts with the student's religious tenets or practices; or
- The school has written certification from a licensed physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, or local health department that one or more of the required immunizations may be detrimental to the student's health, indicating the specific nature and probable duration of the medical condition or circumstance that contraindicates immunization.

In accordance with the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children (Va. Code § 22.1-360), the children of military families shall have 30 days from the date of enrollment to obtain any required immunization(s). For a series of immunizations, initial vaccinations must be obtained within 30 days.

Students Experiencing Homelessness

If a student is experiencing homelessness as defined in Va. Code § 22.1-3 and

- Does not have documentary proof of necessary immunizations or has incomplete immunizations and
- Is not exempted from immunization,

The school division will immediately admit such student and will immediately refer the student to the local school division Homeless Liaison who will assist in obtaining the documentary proof of, or completing, immunization.

Immunization Record

Every school records each student's immunizations on the school immunization record. The school immunization record is a standardized form provided by the State Department of Health, which will be a part of the mandatory permanent student record. Such record is open to inspection by officials of the State Department of Health and the local health departments as allowed by law.

The school immunization record will be transferred by the school whenever the school transfers any student's permanent academic or scholastic records.

The admitting official of each school shall, within 30 days of the beginning of each school year or entrance of a student, or by October 15 of each school year, file with the State Health Department through the local health department, a report summarizing the immunization status of the students in the school as of the first day of school. This report shall be filed using the web-enabled reporting system or on the most current version of state forms, and shall contain the number of students admitted to that school with documentary proof of immunization, the number of students who have been admitted with a medical or religious exemption, and the number of students who have been conditionally admitted.

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Cross Refs:	JEC	School Admission
	JECA	Admission of Homeless Children
	JHCB-R	ACPS Health Requirements for Registration
	JO	Student Records
	LBD	Home Instruction