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**I. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to comply with immunization requirements outlined in LA. R.S. 17:170.

**II. POLICY**

- A. Each student shall be required to present evidence of immunity or immunization against vaccine-preventable diseases, or shall present evidence of an immunization program in progress, upon registering for enrollment at Athlos Academy of Jefferson Parish for the first time and again upon entering sixth grade.
- B. The schedule of required vaccines shall be that approved by the office of public health, Department of Health and Hospitals.
  - 1. The schedule shall include but not be limited to measles, mumps, rubella, diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, poliomyelitis, meningococcal disease, and hemophilus influenzae Type B invasive infections.
  - 2. The schedule may provide specific requirements based on age, grade in school, or type of school.
  - 3. If booster immunizations for the diseases enumerated in the schedule approved by the office of public health are advised by that office, such booster immunizations shall be administered before the student enters Athlos Academy of Jefferson Parish.
  - 4. At its own discretion and with the approval of the office of public health, Athlos Academy of Jefferson Parish may require immunizations or proof of immunity more extensive than required by the schedule approved by the office of public health.
- C. Students may be exempt from the requirements of this policy if the student or his/her parent or guardian submits either a written statement from a physician stating that the procedure is contraindicated for medical reasons, or a written dissent from the student or his parent or guardian is presented.
  - 1. In the event of an outbreak of a vaccine-preventable disease at Athlos Academy of Jefferson Parish, the Lead School Administrator may, upon the recommendation of the office of public health, exclude from attendance unimmunized students until the appropriate disease incubation period has expired or the student presents evidence of immunization.

2. Any absence pursuant to the above shall be considered an excused and exempt absence.
- D. The Lead School Administrator or designee shall ensure that student's immunization records are compliant with this policy and shall electronically transmit immunization compliance reports to the Department of Health and Hospitals.

**Legal References:**

[L.A. R.S. 17:170](#) (*Immunization of persons entering schools*)

**Related Documents:**

Immunization Record