

# STUDENTS

## Series 500

Policy Title Student Health and Immunization Certificates

Code No. 507.01

Students desiring to participate in athletic activities or enrolling in kindergarten or first grade in the school district will have a physical examination by a licensed physician and provide proof of such an examination to the school district. A physical examination and proof of such an examination may be required by the administration for students in other grades enrolling for the first time in the school district.

A certificate of health stating the results of a physical examination and signed by the licensed healthcare provider is on file at the attendance center. Each student will submit an up-to-date certificate of health upon the request of the superintendent. Failure to provide this information may be grounds for disciplinary action.

Students enrolling for the first time in the school district will also submit a certificate of immunization against diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, poliomyelitis, rubeola, rubella, and other immunizations required by law. The student may be admitted conditionally to the attendance center if the student has not yet completed the immunization process but is in the process of doing so. Failure to meet the immunization requirement will be grounds for suspension, expulsion or denial of admission. Upon recommendation of the Iowa Department of Education and Iowa Department of Public Health, students entering the district for the first time may be required to pass a TB test prior to admission. The district may conduct TB tests of current students.

Exemptions from the immunization requirement in this policy will be allowed only for medical or religious reasons recognized under the law. The student must provide a valid Iowa State Department of Health Certificate of Immunization Exemption to be exempt from this policy.

**Note:** Physical examinations are not required by law but are strongly recommended. Immunizations and the certificate of immunization are legal requirements.

### **Legal Reference:**

Iowa Code §§ 139.9; 13A.8; 280.13  
281 I.A.C. 33.5.  
641 I.A.C. 7.

### **Cross Reference:**

402.02 Child Abuse Reporting  
501.04 Entrance - Admissions  
501.16 Homeless Children and Youth  
604.01 Competent Private Instruction  
604.08 Foreign Students

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