

## ***IMMUNIZATION POLICY***

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Delaware law requires all students entering a school system, including private schools, to provide proof of immunizations. The Delaware Department of Education collaborates with the Delaware Division of Public Health to establish mandatory immunization requirements based on guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

#### **Exemptions to Immunizations**

- Medical Exemptions – Medical exemptions to any of the required immunizations must be requested in writing from the healthcare provider for situations related to: lost records, alternate catch-up schedules, Measles/Mumps/Rubella second dose given prior to the fourth birthday, history of Varicella (chicken pox) immunity and delayed schedules for children who are immunocompromised.
  - All other exemptions must be approved by the Delaware Division of Public Health using the Supplemental School Vaccination Exemption Form signed by a licensed physician, nurse practitioner or advanced practice nurse. Most contraindications are temporary and the vaccine can be given at a later time.
- Religious Exemptions – Religious Exemptions must be submitted on the Delaware Affidavit of Religious Belief and must be notarized.