

Immunization Policy

The MAX Charter School shall require all children entering the school for the first time and upon entering the sixth (6th) grade to present satisfactory evidence of immunization against vaccine-preventable diseases according to state law and a schedule approved by the State Office of Public Health, or shall present evidence of an immunization program in progress. Documentation must be provided within 14 school days of enrollment. In addition, a student who is eleven (11) years old and entering a grade other than the sixth (6th) grade shall provide satisfactory evidence of current immunization against meningococcal disease. The school may require immunizations or proof of immunity more extensive than required by the Office of Public Health. Any student failing to meet the immunization standards shall be prohibited from attending school until such time as the immunization standards are met.

A child transferring from another school system in or out of the state, shall submit either a certificate of immunization or a letter from his/her personal physician indicating immunization against the diseases mentioned above and/or any others which may be required, and certificate or statement indicating that the tests required have been performed, or a statement that such immunizations and tests are in progress. *In progress* shall mean that the child has an immunization due after the date school has begun, because the child began his/her immunization late, or because the child's pediatrician has provided written orders for the child to receive an immunization after a certain date. If booster injections for the diseases enumerated on the state schedule are advised, such booster injections shall be administered before the child enters a school system within the state.

No child seeking to enter MAX Charter School shall be required to comply with the provisions of this written policy if the child or his/her parent or guardian submits either a statement from a physician stating that this procedure is contraindicated for medical reasons, or a written dissent from the parents is presented. Exception in compliance may also apply to any person who is unable to comply due to a shortage in the supply of available vaccinations against meningococcal disease.

If an outbreak of a vaccine-preventable disease occurs, upon the recommendation of the State Office of Public Health, school administrators may exclude from attendance non-immunized students until the appropriate disease incubation period has expired, or the non-immunized person presents evidence of immunization.