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Immunization, Vision Screening/Eye Examination and Dental Screening**

Immunizations

In accordance with Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 433.267 through 433.273, and Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 333-019-0010 through 333-019-0014, all students enrolling in an Oregon school for the first time are to be immunized against diphtheria, tetanus, measles, rubella, polio and mumps. As a condition of initial enrollment, every student through grade 12 shall submit to the school administrator one of the following:

1. Evidence of immunization provided on a Certificate of Immunization Status form, Section A, signed by a health care practitioner, parent or guardian;
2. The medical exemption, Section B, of the Certificate of Immunization Status form, completed and signed by a physician;
3. The religious exemption, Section C, of the Certificate of Immunization Status form, completed and signed by a parent or guardian.

The policy is in effect for all students not exempted for religious, philosophical beliefs or medical reasons¹.

Initial Entry Requirement

An initial entry student (kindergarten or possibly first grade) need not have “complete” or “up-to-date” information to enroll. However, the administrator must refuse to enroll a student if the parent or guardian fails to submit a Certificate of Immunization Status form with an appropriately signed exemption or one dose of each required vaccine.

Requirement of Student Transfers

A student transferring from one Oregon school to another Oregon school or who transfers from a school in another state to an Oregon school is allowed 30 days to provide his/her record to the new school. A parent or guardian must sign an Immunization Record Statement provided by the school. The administrator can choose to use an exclusion date effective at the end of 30 days of attendance, or may use the next state mandated exclusion date. The exclusion date is written on the Immunization Record Statement/Exclusion Order for No Record. A copy must be given to the parent or guardian.

¹Documentation required for exemption is outlined in ORS 433.267.

30-Day Notification

Administrators are to inform the health department, if the immunization record is not received by the end of the 30-day period. However, administrators do not have the authority to exclude a student who does not comply. All exclusions must be done under the authority of the local health department.

Administrators are required to deny school attendance to any student excluded by the health department. In addition, if the excluded student does not meet the requirement within four school days, it is the responsibility of the administrator to notify the attendance supervisor of the unexcused absence.

Vision Screening/Eye Examination

The parent or guardian of a student who is 7 years of age or younger and is beginning an education program with the district for the first time shall, within 120 days of beginning the education program, submit a certification that:

1. The student has received a vision screening or eye examination; and
2. Any further examination, treatments or assistance necessary.

The certification is not required if the parent or guardian provides a statement to the district that:

1. The student submitted a certification to a prior education provider; or
2. The vision screening or eye examination is contrary to the religious beliefs fo the student or the parents or guardian of the student.

Dental Screening

The district shall file in the student's dental health record any dental screening certifications and any results of a dental screening known by the district. The district will provide to the parent or guardian of each student, standardized information developed by the Oregon Health Authority's dental director regarding dental screenings, further examinations or necessary treatments and preventative care including fluoride varnish, sealants and daily brushing and flossing.

The parent or guardian of a student who is 7 years of age or younger and is beginning an education program with the district for the first time, shall submit a certification within 120 days of beginning the education program, that the student has received a dental screening within the previous 12 months.

The certification is not required if the parent or guardian provides a statement to the district that:

1. The student submitted a certification to a prior education provider;
2. The dental screening is contrary to the religious beliefs of the student or the parent or guardian of the student; or

3. The dental screening is a burden for the student or the parent or guardian of the student in the following ways:
 - a. The cost of obtaining the dental screening is too high;
 - b. The student does not have access to an approved screener;
 - c. The student was unable to obtain an appointment with an approved screener.

The certification may be provided by a licensed dentist, a dental hygienist or a health care practitioner as defined by state law. The certification must include the:

1. Student's name;
2. Date of screening; and
3. Name of entity conducting the dental screening.

The district shall submit a report to the Oregon Department of Education that identifies the percentage of students who failed to submit the certification for the previous year, no later than October 1 of each year.

If the district is causing the dental screening to be conducted, the district will follow the requirements of law.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 326.580](#)
[ORS 336.211](#)
[ORS 336.213](#)
[ORS 336.214](#)

[ORS 433.235 to -433.280](#)
[OAR 333-019-0010](#)
[OAR 333-050-0010 to -0120](#)

[OAR 581-021-0017](#)
[OAR 581-021-0031](#)
[OAR 581-022-2220](#)

Cross Reference(s):

JEC - Admissions