

Grand Rapids Christian Schools Immunization Guidelines

Students at Grand Rapids Christian Schools are required to have, at the time of initial entry into school and at the beginning of each school year thereafter while enrollment continues, adequate written evidence on file at their school that they have been immunized against illnesses as required by Michigan statutes and applicable regulations and guidelines. Adequate written evidence of required immunizations shall consist of (1) a signed physician's statement indicating that the student has received the required immunizations, including the immunizations received and the date of receipt; (2) a stamped immunization record from a public health department; or (3) an official immunization record from another school.

No student may remain in school for more than fifteen (15) school days after initial admission unless (1) the student has received the required immunizations or the student is in the process of receiving the required immunizations, or (2) the student's parent has submitted adequate written evidence of the required immunizations as set forth in this policy. Students who do not comply with this policy may be excluded from school no later than the fifteenth day after their admission.

Any student who is excluded for failure to comply with this policy shall be readmitted upon submission to the school office of adequate written evidence of compliance.

Students may be exempted from required immunizations in a manner consistent with Michigan laws, regulations, and guidelines:

Nonmedical Waivers (religious or philosophical other objections) must be obtained from a county health department. Parents/Guardians must follow the steps below when requesting a nonmedical waiver:

1. Contact the county health department for an appointment to speak with a health educator about immunizations.
2. If, following the appointment, a nonmedical waiver is requested, a copy of the current, certified (stamped and signed) State of Michigan Nonmedical Waiver Form is provided.
3. An unaltered, fully completed, certified waiver form must be submitted to the school office.

Medical Waivers, signed by a physician on the State of Michigan Medical Contraindication Form indicating medical reasons for an immunization waiver, must be submitted and on file in the school office before a student may be enrolled.