



Metro East Montessori School

Immunization Policy

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Immunization Policy (“Policy”) is to protect the health and safety of the students at Metro East Montessori School (“MEMS”), and to minimize the exposure to and transmission of preventable communicable diseases at MEMS by creating and enforcing certain immunization standards for students, consistent with state requirements.

DEFINITIONS

“**Fully immunized**” means, at a minimum, that the student has received the immunizations required by Illinois law and regulation for attendance at public schools.

“**New student**” means a student who is newly enrolled in MEMS, including siblings of current students, or students returning to MEMS after attending school elsewhere, including homeschooling.

“**Proof of Immunization**” means documented evidence of the child having received a vaccine, which is verified by a health care provider, such as a physician child care or school health professional, or health official, or document proof of the applicable disease.

“**Student**,” “**child**,” or “**enrollee**” means any individual who is an existing or returning student at MEMS, or has been accepted for admission at MEMS.

POLICY

The State of Illinois and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) recommend certain immunizations for school-age children. It is therefore the policy of MEMS that, as of October 20 2017, each enrolled student, subject to the exemption below, is fully immunized and current on all recommended immunizations for such student’s status and age, as required by state law. (*See* 77 Ill. Admin. Code Sections 665.230 and 240). The proof of immunization shall be presented to MEMS within seven (7) days of student’s receipt of MEMS’ acceptance letter. The student’s proof of immunizations must be on file at MEMS before the student’s first day of attendance.

Subject to the requirements herein, MEMS will decline admission to any new student who is not fully immunized and reserves the right, during outbreaks of illness, to exclude any child who has not been fully immunized from MEMS until the outbreak is contained or eliminated. In such cases, there will be no refund or adjustment of tuition.

MEMS's Policy is based on and intended to be a reflection of the best practices with respect to the immunization of school-age children, as recommended by Illinois law, the CDC, and other reputable health care sources. This means that, in some cases, MEMS's requirements may, but not necessarily, exceed state standards, or that MEMS may add immunizations required for "full immunization," in consultation with MEMS's physicians and legal advisers.

MEMS will maintain appropriate documentation of all student immunizations and waivers.

If you have any additional questions regarding this Policy, please feel free to contact us at (618) 931-2508.