

**TERRELL COUNTY BOARD POLICY
Inoculations and Health Examinations**

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All children entering Georgia public schools for the first time, regardless of grade level, must have adequate certificates of immunization to prove they have been immunized against those diseases as so specified by the Georgia Department of Human Resources. Parents are responsible for seeing that their children are properly immunized in accordance with the law. A proper immunization form is the Certificate of Immunization. This form is required by the rule, and physicians should not be asked to certify other forms.

Acceptance for Enrollment:

Adequate Immunization: a certificate is considered adequate when the information for all listed immunizations is complete and the form is checked as “complete” and the certificate is signed by a physician or health department. This certificate shall be filed in the child’s permanent folder.

Provisional Immunization: under state law, a provisional certificate can be issued only by a Superintendent or principal and is valid for only 30 days. Provisional certification should be granted only if there is a valid statement from a physician or health department that the immunization requirement will be completed within the 30-day period.

Special Certificates: Special certificates of immunization are issued to students who cannot for medical reasons take an immunization. The parents or guardians of a student may object to immunization on religious grounds, by furnishing the school with a notarized affidavit stating that immunization conflicts with his/her religious beliefs.

Time a Factor: In situations where time is a factor for students transferring from one school to another, a student shall be permitted to receive a copy of his/her immunization certificate from the school which he or she is presently attending in order to be admitted to another school. Terrell County Schools will accept certificates of like manner for a period not exceeding 30 calendar days.

Waiver of Time: A waiver may be extended by the Superintendent or principal from the date of first attendance or admittance, whichever is earlier, for up to 90 calendar days provided documentation is on file at the school from the health department or a physician specifying that an immunization sequence has been started and that this immunization time schedule can be completed within the 90 days waiver period, provided confirmation is received during the waiver period from the health department or physician that immunizations are being received as scheduled, and provided the STUDENT UNDER WAIVER IS A TRANSFER STUDENT, who is defined as a student who moves from an out-of-state school system to the local school system, or a student entering kindergarten or first grade from out of state. The waiver MAY NOT BE EXTENDED BEYOND 90 CALENDAR DAYS; and upon expiration of the waiver, the child

shall not be admitted to or be permitted to attend the school or facility unless the child submits a certificate of immunization.

Voluntary Pre-enrollment of Two Year Olds

In accordance with state law, procedures are hereby established to provide for the voluntary pre-enrollment of children at two years of age.

Lillie Cooper Primary shall as part of its spring roundup invite parents of two year old children to voluntarily pre-enroll their children in school. A requirement of pre-enrollment shall be the submitting of a certificate of immunization which indicates compliance with age specific immunizations as provided in law.

The Superintendent shall be responsible for ensuring that these procedures are adhered to.