

## IMMUNIZATION POLICY

South Dakota State Law (SDCL 13-28-7.1) requires that students receive specified immunization PRIOR to their admission to school. It is the intent of the Board to comply with the law through implementation of the following requirements:

## A. Requirements

It is required that school authorities receive from each student a certification from a licensed health official stating that the student has received or is in the process of receiving adequate immunizations against those diseases specified in the law. As an alternative to the requirement for a certification, the law allows the student to present the following:

1. If the physical condition of the student would be such that a test or immunization would endanger the student's life or health, a licensed physicians signature is required on the South Dakota State Certificate of Immunizations.
2. If a student is adherent to a religious doctrine whose teachings are opposed to such tests and immunizations, a parent signature is required on the South Dakota State Certificate of Immunizations.

## A. Procedures

To comply with the state law, the following procedures will be used:

1. At the time of the initial entrance of a student into Brandon Valley Schools, the appropriate certification or one of the above alternative statements will be required from a parent/guardian. Students who attempt to enroll without such a certification will be denied enrollment until such forms are submitted.
2. Enrolling kindergarten students must have all immunizations up-to-date and a S.D. Department of Health Certificate of Immunizations completed and into school authorities prior to the first day of school. A letter along with necessary forms is sent to all incoming kindergarten parents the February prior to fall enrollment. The immunization status of all kindergarten students will be reviewed and monitored by the school nurses.
3. Students transferring from out-of-state, who have not met immunization requirements, will be informed.
4. In cases where the certification indicates that immunizations have begun but are not complete, or when records are being sent from another school, students will be allowed temporary admittance for a period not to exceed forty-five (45) days. Parents will be notified with a letter from the Superintendent stating that immunizations are 30 days deficient. If immunization requirements are not met within forty-five (45) days, the student will be expelled until immunization requirements are met.
5. In those cases where parents fail to get their student properly immunized, thereby causing the student to be ineligible for admission to school, student neglect proceedings will be initiated by the building principal.

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