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Principals are to use the following procedures in addition to those provided in AP 5111.

I. Minimum Requirements for Entry

A. Prekindergarten

1. Prekindergarten children are required to have age-appropriate doses of the vaccines indicated below in accordance with the current Recommended Childhood Immunization Schedule.
 - a. Diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis vaccine
 - b. Polio vaccine (IPV)
 - c. Measles, mumps, and rubeola vaccine
 - d. Varicella vaccine
 - e. Haemophilus influenzae Type B (Hib) vaccine
 - f. Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (effective January 1, 2012 for children two (2) to fifty-nine (59) months of age)

B. Grades Kindergarten through twelve (K-12):

1. Prior to entry, attendance or transfer, each student must have on file a Florida Certification of Immunization, DH 680 Form documenting the following:
 - a. Five (5) doses of diphtheria, Tetanus, and acellular pertussis (DTaP), diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (DTP), diphtheria- tetanus-pertussis (DTP) vaccine, or pediatric diphtheria-tetanus vaccine (DT) or four (4) doses are acceptable if the fourth dose was administered on or after the fourth birthday.
 - b. Four (4) doses of either oral polio vaccine (OPV) or inactivated polio vaccine (IPV), in any combination or three (3) doses of all OPV or all IPV are acceptable if the third dose was administered on or after the fourth birthday except that beginning with the 2013-2014 school year, kindergarten, first grade, and second grade students are required to have

five (5) doses of IPV if the fourth dose was given prior to the fourth birthday.

- c. Two (2) doses of measles (rubeola), mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine on or after the first birthday. The second dose must be administered on or after the fourth birthday.
 - d. A two (2) or three (3) dose series of Hepatitis B vaccine.
 - e. One (1) dose of varicella vaccine for students in grades six through twelve and two (2) doses of varicella for students in grades kindergarten through five.
 - i. No varicella vaccine is required if there is a history of varicella disease documented by the health care provider on the DH 680 Form.
2. In addition to all other immunizations outlined above, children entering, attending, or transferring to the seventh grade in Florida schools are required to complete the following: one (1) dose of tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis vaccine (Tdap) effective school year 2009- 2010 then each year the next highest grade is included.

II. Religious Exemption from Immunization

A. Request for Religious Exemption

1. A request for a religious exemption from immunization requirements must be presented to the facility/school on the Department of Health's Religious Exemption From Immunization form (DH 681 Form).
2. The DH 681 Form is issued ONLY by county health departments and ONLY for a child who is not immunized because of his/her family's religious tenets or practices. If a parent requests such an exemption, then the county health department staff must use the current DH 681 Form available electronically in the Florida SHOTS, which the parent affirms a religious conflict exists. This form must be issued upon request. No other information should be solicited from the parent or guardian.

B. Completion of DH 681 Form

1. The following information must be completed on the DH 681 Form:
 - a. The child's complete name, date of birth, and parent or guardian's name. The child's Social Security number (SS#) is optional. The Florida SHOTS ID is included.
 - b. County health department information, electronic signature of the county health department director/administrator or their authorized designee, and date the form is issued.

C. Consistency with Florida Law

1. Requests for religious exemption from immunizations must be consistent with section 1003.22, Florida Statutes. Exemptions for personal or philosophical reasons are not permitted under Florida law

III. Provisional Admission to School

- A. A student may be admitted to school on a provisional basis for the period of time specified in the written physician's statement if a physician or health department indicates that immunization of the student has been initiated and that the student is in the process of complying with all immunization requirements.
 1. A schedule of proposed immunizations must be on record at the school office.
 2. The Principal will work with the local health department in determining when the student may no longer attend school without further documentation of immunization.
- B. A student may be admitted to school on a provisional basis for the period of time specified in the written

statement provided by the Department of Health when this agency determines that, according to recognized standards of medical practice, any required immunization is unnecessary or hazardous.

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- C. A student may be admitted to school on a provisional basis if the Superintendent issues a temporary exemption for up to thirty (30) days to permit a student who transfers into the District to attend class until his/her records can be obtained.
 - D. Students experiencing homelessness or who are known to the Department of Children and Families, as defined in State law, may be admitted to school on a provisional basis for thirty (30) days.
 - E. Students entering a juvenile justice program in the District may be admitted to school on a provisional basis for thirty (30) days.
 - F. Children of military personnel may be admitted to school on a provisional basis and shall have thirty (30) days to obtain or provide proof of required immunizations.

IV. Documents Accepted as Evidence of Immunization

- A. The following documents will be accepted as evidence of a student's immunization history provided they comply with State requirements and contain the date when each immunization was administered.
 1. An official permanent school record from any school in Florida transferred to the new school through the Florida System for Transferring Records.
 2. A Florida Certification of Immunization (DH 680 Form) signed by a medical professional.

V. Required Records

- A. Each school must maintain a record of immunization for every student on the Florida Certification of Immunization, DH 680 Form, which must include the date of each individual immunization. The DH 680 Form is part of the student's permanent record, and is to be transferred when the student transfers, is promoted, or changes schools.
- B. If a student transfers to another school, this record or a copy thereof shall be sent to the new school within twenty (20) days.

VI. Records Available for Inspection

- A. The principal shall make immunization records available for inspection by authorized representatives of the State Department of Health.