EDSE IMMUNIZATION EXEMPTION POLICY

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At EDSE we believe that vaccinations are one of the best ways to ensure that we maintain a healthy community. We strongly advise all parents to follow the CDPHE immunization schedule. We are concerned that Colorado has a lower immunization rate than most states and experts agree that a lower Immunization Rate raises the risk of vaccine preventable diseases.

Although Colorado law states that parents have the right to exempt their children from vaccinations for personal or religious reasons, the State also has a goal that child care centers and schools eventually have a 95% immunization rate. Because we do not want to increase unnecessary risk to the children that attend our school, EDSE has made it our goal that children who attend EDSE have all the State required immunizations unless they have a Medical Exemption.

Therefore, we will no longer accept new children into the program who have not been immunized due to their parent's personal or religious beliefs. We will continue to accept children who have immunization exemptions due to medical reasons, which must be confirmed by their Health Care Provider.

We will continue to serve children currently enrolled at EDSE who have personal or religious immunization exemptions, however, if the parent chooses to withdraw a child, or is not registered for the following school year and then later wishes to re-enroll, they will not be able to do so unless their child is vaccinated and/or put on a strict Catch-up Plan.