

EDSE IMMUNIZATION EXEMPTION POLICY

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 of the other 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 for schools and child care centers to reach a 95% rate for all school required immunizations. At EDSE we agree the importance of a high immunization rate and we do not want to increase unnecessary risk to the children that attend our school. **Therefore, our goal is to aim for 100% complete vaccination rate with the exception of medical exemptions.** To reach our goal, we will no longer accept children who have nonmedical immunization exemptions. Medical exemptions must be confirmed through the Colorado approved Certificate of Medical Exemption which is completed and signed by the child's Health Care Provider.

IMMUNIZATION CATCH-UP PLAN CONTRACT

Because the goal is for all children who can safely receive vaccines be fully vaccinated, we will accept children who are on a State approved Catch-up plan. If your child is behind on their immunizations, he/she may be accepted as long as you agree to a State approved Immunization Catch-Up Plan Contract. You will be required to take your child in immediately for any vaccine that is currently due or past due. You will then be required to sign a contract to have any remaining vaccine dose(s) given to your child at the minimum length of time required between vaccine doses according to the ACIP catch-up schedule. The contract will be specific to the schedule that your child needs to be up to date with immunizations. If the contract is broken, your child will be excluded until your child is back on the catch-up schedule. If dates for catch-up vaccines need to be changed, a new Catch-up Plan will be written and signed. If that schedule is broken again, your child will no longer be able to attend EDSE.