

## G. HEALTH AND IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

NO STUDENT WILL BE ADMITTED TO SCHOOL WITHOUT PRESENTING TANGIBLE DOCUMENTATION THAT IMMUNIZATION AND HEALTH REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN MET.

Schools are to keep a list of names and addresses of all students who have not enrolled because of missing required documents. If students on this list do not register within a reasonable period of time, the school is to request home visits from the School Social Worker, to ensure student enrollment and assist the parents.

Parent shall be encouraged to contact a private physician, clinic, or local health center for information regarding required immunizations. If parents cannot afford to visit a private physician, or if parents indicate that they do not have another source of health care, they can contact The Children's Trust Helpline at 211, or the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County, at (786) 845-0550 for information regarding free immunizations, and/or reduced price for school physical examinations.

Health and Immunization documentation shall be completed on forms approved and provided by the Florida Department of Health, and shall become a part of each student's Cumulative School Health Record to be transferred when the student is promoted or changes schools. The Cumulative School Health Records (**DH-3041**) may be obtained by contacting the Miami-Dade County Public Schools' Comprehensive Health Services Program at 305-995-1235.

**For the 2015-2016 school year, the following changes will take effect:**

<b>Grade Levels (including retained for the grade)</b>	<b>Immunization Changes</b>
Kindergarten, first, second, third, fourth, fifth sixth and seventh grade.	Two (2) doses of varicella vaccine or proof of varicella
Pre-Kindergarten, eighth, ninth, tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grade.	One (1) dose of varicella vaccine or proof varicella disease
Kindergarten	The final dose of IPV (polio) vaccine must be administered on or after the student's 4 <sup>th</sup> birthday for entry into Kindergarten. A 5 <sup>th</sup> dose is required if the 4 <sup>th</sup> dose was administered prior to the 4 <sup>th</sup> birthday. Students in grades 1 through 12 do not have to be recalled if all 4 polio doses were administered prior to the 4 <sup>th</sup> birthday.

### 1. Student Health Examinations [DH-3040](#)

Students enrolling in a Florida school for the first time must present proof of a physical exam done within 12 months prior to entry. In addition, Miami-Dade

County Public Schools requires a Tuberculosis Clinical Screening with appropriate follow-up, if needed.

Students transferring from within the state or within the county are not required to be re-examined. However, all students initially entering Miami-Dade County Public Schools must present proof of Tuberculosis Clinical Screening prior to enrollment and evidence of appropriate follow-up, if necessary.

2. **Florida Certification of Immunization [DH-680](#)**

Florida Statute 1003.22(1), [School-entry health examinations; immunization against communicable diseases; exemptions; duties of Department of Health](#), indicates that the school board of each district shall require each student in PK-12 prior to admittance to, or attendance in a Florida public or private school, to present or to have on file a Certificate of Immunization is required by the Florida Department of Health.

Students enrolling in school for the first time or transferring into Miami-Dade County Public Schools from out-of-state or from another county within the state must present one of the following:

- a. Part A-1, Certificate of Immunization for K-12, excluding 7<sup>th</sup> grade requirements
- b. part A-2, Certificate of Immunization Supplement for 7<sup>th</sup> grade requirements
- c. Part B, Temporary Medical Exemption – additional certification must be presented on or before the expiration date, or student should be excluded from school;
- d. Part C, Permanent Medical Exemption:

The Certification of Immunization, form [DH-680](#), can now be printed on white or blue paper. Schools should accept the [DH-680](#) form if printed on white paper. Forms may be completed by hand or printed from the Florida State Online Tracking System (Florida SHOTS). When determining the validity of form [DH-680](#), please follow the guidelines below that reflect the Form's legal requirements:

- Must be a DOH Form (from Florida SHOTS or a pre-printed blank form);
- Must be legible; and
- Must have the signature of the provider (either by hand or by means of an electronic signature verification ID from Florida SHOTS).

3. **Religious Exemption from Immunization [DH-681](#)**

The Religious Exemption from Immunization form, [DH-681](#), may be obtained from the Special Immunization Program of the Florida Department of Public Health, 786-845-0550.

Health Records for students within the state should be requested via the Florida Automated System for Transferring Educational Records

(F.A.S.T.E.R.). For additional information, call the Florida Department of Health, Miami-Dade County, at 786-845-0550.

Parents of students transferring within Miami-Dade County Public Schools do not need to be issued a copy of the immunization documentation on file in the student's cumulative folder. The receiving school can access the immunization information from the District Student Information System (DSIS), Student Information Screen (PF3), and then access the Health Information Screen (PF17).

Students identified as Military Children, Project UP-START, Homeless Children, Youth Program and Juvenile Justice Programs are to be admitted to school on a 30 day temporary exemption. Absence of the documents will not prevent the student from attending school. For information regarding students in transition (homeless), you may contact Ms. Debra Albo-Steiger, Program Manager, School Social Worker, Division of Student Services, at 305-995-7558.

4. **Florida SHOTS (State of Florida Immunization Registry) [DH-680](#)**

Florida SHOTS (State of Florida Immunization Registry) is a free, statewide, centralized online immunization registry that helps parents, authorized health-care providers, schools and day care centers keep track of immunization records. The registry was designed to assist health care providers by providing the following benefits:

- easy-to-print forms (\*Form [DH-680](#));
- 24/7 access to immunization information;
- Up-to-date immunization tracking software that never needs to be downloaded or upgraded on your computer;
- System-certified electronic \*Form [DH-680](#) – accessible directly to authorized schools, child-care centers, and medical providers;
- Reliable, consolidated immunization histories for new or continuing patients;
- Previously reported contraindications; and
- Immunization reminders and recalls.

*\*These forms are not available to the public and must be completed by a Florida physician or a Florida county health department.*