Student Immunization Policy

ST. JOSEPH ACADEMY

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I. Policy: Student Immunization Policy

II. Procedure:

A. Any student admitted to St. Joseph Academy shall present written evidence of meeting the State of Wisconsin Immunization requirements or provide the appropriate waiver signed by a parent/guardian.

B. The immunization requirement may be waived if the student's parent/guardian submits a written statement to the school asserting an objection(s) to the immunization(s) for reasons of health, religion, or personal conviction. In the case of a waiver for health reasons, the Department of Health Services (DHS) requires a physician's signature certifying that one or more vaccinations is or may be harmful to the student's health.

C. The school nurse shall be responsible for notifying parents/guardians of the immunization requirements and of their right to claim immunization waiver and the possible consequences for noncompliance. In addition, the school nurse shall be responsible for maintaining complete and up-to-date immunization records for each student attending St. Joseph Academy and issuing appropriate individualized notices of noncompliance and submitting required reports to the local health department.

D. The school nurse or principal shall be responsible for giving notice of any consequences, including exclusion from school that is related to the students' immunization status. Except where exclusion is required by law or by order of DHS, St. Joseph Academy shall not exclude a student from school due to lack of compliance with immunization or waiver requirements provided St. Joseph Academy determines that there is no undue risk to the health of others and that the student's parent/guardian is actively cooperating with school and health officials and taking reasonably available steps that would facilitate reaching compliance as soon as reasonably possible.

References:
Legal: Sections 115.997(4) Wisconsin Statutes. 118.123, 118.13, 120.12(16), 120.13(1)(c), 252.04
WI Administrative Code DHS 144, DHS 146
McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act

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