



Great Hearts Louisiana, Inc.

IMMUNIZATION/COMMUNICABLE DISEASE POLICY

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Our Governing Board of Directors for Great Hearts Louisiana, Inc. has developed and adopted the following policy to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of students who require medications during the school day.

This policy will be reviewed and revised annually as necessary.

Policy

Current and satisfactory evidence of immunizations against vaccine-preventable diseases (e.g. immunization records) is required for all students entering school for the first time (including pre-kindergarten and kindergarten), for students transferring from another school system, and for all schedules established by the Office of Public Health, Louisiana Department of Health, unless compliance is waived pursuant to Louisiana Law.

School Personnel shall cooperate with Louisiana Department of Health and other public health personnel in completing and coordinating all immunization data, waivers, and exclusions, including forms required by Louisiana Department of Health to facilitate control of preventable communicable diseases.

In the event of an outbreak of a vaccine- preventable disease at a Great Hearts of Louisiana Academy, the East Baton Rouge Parish school system in affiliation with Great Hearts Academy of Louisiana's may upon the recommendation of the office of public health exclude from attendance unimmunized students until the appropriate disease incubation period has expired or unimmunized students presents evidence of immunization.

If the student's physical condition indicates that the health of the student does not safely allow his or her attendance at school, the students will remain away from school until the student's physician and or the Board's choice physician verifies the student can safely return to school environment.

Infected students shall inform appropriate school officials of the infection so that proper precautions for the protection of the other students, employees, and the infected student can be taken.

If the student's physician and/or the Board's selected physician indicates that the health of the student does not allow their continued attendance in the regular education program, education services will be provided in a setting that is appropriate to the health status of the student.

The identity of an infected individual, or individual who there is reasonable cause to believe is an infected individual, shall be revealed only to those who need to know. If an infected individual is permitted to remain in the school setting after the determination has been made, employees who have regular personal contact with the individual shall be informed of the information as to the individual's medical condition.

Persons informed of the identity of an infected person shall not disclose such information to others except as authorized under this policy.

The overall determination of whether an infected student shall be permitted to remain in the school in a capacity that involves contact with students or employees shall be made on a case-by-case basis as determined by the Head of Schools, school nurse, and other appropriate staff persons.