

**Diocese of Charlotte Catholic Schools Health Services
School Year 2023-2024**

Immunization Requirements

NORTH CAROLINA LAW REQUIRES THE FOLLOWING MINIMUM DOSES: <https://immunize.nc.gov/schools/k-12.htm>

Parents must provide the immunization certificate to school. The immunization certificate may be copied. The original certificate should be retained by the family (and updated as booster doses are received) throughout the child's school career extending through college.

Immunization Certificates presented to school must include:

1. Name of child, birth date, address and names of parent/guardian.
2. Full dates of each immunization dose (month, day, year).
3. Name and address of physician or clinic which administered the immunizations.
4. Certificates are to be signed or stamped by the physician or clinic.

Immunization Exemptions

Unless an exemption applies or is granted, students may not attend school/center without presenting a certificate of immunization signed by a physician.

NC Gen. Stat 130A-156 Medical Exemption

The Commission for Public Health shall adopt a rule for medical contraindications to immunizations required by G.S. 130A 152. If a physician licensed to practice medicine in this State certifies that a required immunization is or may be detrimental to a person's health due to the presence of one of the contraindications adopted by the Commission, the person is not required to receive the specified immunization as long as the contraindication persists. The State Health Director may, upon request by a physician licensed to practice medicine in this State, grant a medical exemption to a required immunization for a contraindication not on the list adopted by the Commission. Refer to Appendix 5000.

NC Gen Stat 130A-157 Religious Exemption

If the bona fide religious beliefs of an adult or the parent, guardian or person in loco parentis of a child are contrary to the immunization requirements contained in this Chapter, the adult or the child shall be exempt from the requirements. Upon submission of a written statement of the bona fide religious beliefs and opposition to the immunization requirements, the person may attend the college, university, school or facility without presenting a certificate of immunization. The written statement should be addressed to the Superintendent for approval. (See form below)

NCAC 41A.0403 Non-Religious Personal Belief No Exemption

Except as provided in GS 130A-156 and GS 130A-157, and 10A NCAC 41A.0404 and .0405, no child shall be exempt from the requirements of 10A NCAC 41.0401; there is no exception to these requirements for the case of personal belief or philosophy of a parent or guardian not founded upon a religious belief.

NORTH CAROLINA IMMUNIZATION LAW
RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION
NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL STATUTE 130A-157

SECTION 130A-157. Religious exemption. - If the bona fide religious beliefs of an adult or the parent, guardian or person in loco parentis of a child are contrary to the immunization requirements contained in this Part [Chapter 130A, Article 6, Part B], the adult or the child shall be exempt from the requirements. Upon submission of a written statement of the bona fide religious beliefs and opposition to the immunization requirements, the person may attend the college, university, school or facility without presenting a certificate of immunization.

Pursuant to the aforementioned N.C.G.S. 130A-157, I, the undersigned, declare the immunization requirements as set forth in N.C.G.S. 130A-152 contrary to my bona fide religious beliefs and claim, as permitted by the law, an exemption from the immunization requirements of your institution for the undersigned minor child under my legal care and guardianship.

NAME _____

SIGNATURE _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

DATE _____

MINOR CHILD'S NAME _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

DATE _____