

## Immunization Law

Iowa has an immunization law in effect that requires a child to meet requirements before enrolling in a school. A certificate must be on file for every student enrolled in school. Three types of certificates are available.

1. Certificate of Immunization- This verifies that the student has had at least:
  - 5 doses of DPT or DT vaccine with one dose after age 4
  - 4 doses of polio vaccine with one dose after age 4
  - 4 doses of Polio vaccine with at least 1 dose after age 4
  - 3 doses of hepatitis B vaccine
  - 2 doses of varicella with at least 1 dose after age 4, or had a reliable history of natural disease (prior to enrollment in school)
  - Tdap Booster- all incoming 7<sup>th</sup> grade students born after September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2000.
  - Meningococcal conjugate vaccine- all students entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade and born after September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2004 (will need proof of 1 dose of meningococcal)
  - Meningococcal vaccine- all incoming 12<sup>th</sup> grade students born after September 15<sup>th</sup>, 1999 – will need proof of 2 doses of meningococcal or one dose if received when student was 16 years of age or older.
  
2. Provisional Certificate of Immunization- This is for students moving into another school district or for students who have begun but not completed immunization requirements. These certificates are valid for 120 days or until the end of the current semester, whichever is longer.
  
3. Certificate of Exemption- A medical exemption must be signed by a physician. A religious exemption must be notarized.