

IMMUNIZATION POLICY

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY: COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN CLARIFIED.

Each student is required by Georgia Law to have satisfied one of the following requirements prior to admittance:

- A current, completed Certificate of Immunization from the Georgia Department of Human Resources (Form 3231) on file in the School office (Parents/Guardians can get this from their physician.)
- A current completed Affidavit outlining religious exemption on file in the school records.

The Official Code of Georgia provides for exemptions from immunization requirements due to medical conditions or religious beliefs. If parents/guardians are claiming an exemption, they should familiarize themselves with this policy (DHR Rules, Chapter 290-5-4.01). All Certificates of Immunization and Affidavits for exemptions will be on file and available for inspection by health officials.

WSA encourages parents to consider their civic responsibility in regards to the decision of whether or not to immunize against any communicable disease, but ultimately, the decision to immunize or not, is one made by parents in consultation with their family physician. While the school respects the right of parents to choose not to immunize their children, parents MUST be aware of the policy for non-immunized children. The DeKalb County Health Department has many helpful resources for schools and parents. See this web site for more information.

<http://www.dekalbhealth.net/hap/epidemiology-and-statistics/office-of-infectious-disease/>

We are required to report **any** cases of several communicable strains to the county immediately: Ex: Measles, Meningitis and Mumps.

In order to protect the school community and the wider community from unwanted exposure to communicable childhood disease, we strictly enforce a **stay-at-home** policy for children who are sick with identified communicable illnesses or a thermometer reading of 99.5F. We maintain records of those families who have this affidavit on file should monitoring those children be necessary. Non-immunized children who have been **exposed to measles, mumps, whooping cough or chicken pox** must not attend school until the incubation period has past and/or a doctor's note confirms evidence of the antibody or physical evidence of the disease is documented. Incubation periods are available in the office and on the county website: http://www.dekalbhealth.net/wp-content/uploads/2010/07/id_CCDC-2009-Booklet.pdf. We are also available to assist you with your questions.

FOR PARENTS SUBMITTING THE RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION AFFIDAVIT

As the parent or guardian of _____

I acknowledge that I have read and understand the immunization policy of The Waldorf School of Atlanta. I also understand the importance of keeping the school in compliance with DeKalb County policies regarding the spread of communicable diseases.

I agree that I will keep my child/ren at home as soon as I am aware of any possibility of exposure to an infected person and notify the school immediately of such exposure. I understand there can be no exceptions to this policy.

Signed

Date