

KETCHIKAN GATEWAY BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION  
AGENDA STATEMENT

No. 9 a

MEETING OF January 22, 2020

REVIEWED BY:

ITEM TITLE:

PUBLIC HEARING - POLICY  
Approval of revisions to Board Policy 5141.31-Immunizations

Superintendent  
 Policy Committee  
 Legal Review

SUBMITTED BY: Beth Lougee, Superintendent

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APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:

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Superintendent

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The School Board is being asked to approve a policy update/revision to Immunizations.

ISSUE:

Board Policy 9310 dictates that "the district shall develop or revise policies and regulations in order to reflect new legislation and changing community views." Additionally, BP 9311 calls for the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee to "maintain procedures for the continuous orderly review of existing policies at a time allocated for this purposes on the agenda of regular Board meetings... in addition to presenting drafts or suggestions for new policy and policy revisions when changes in law occur or when a specific need arises".

BACKGROUND:

The revisions were presented to the Board as a discussion item at the January 15, 2020 meeting.

*Note: The proposed additions are in red type, while the sections proposed for deletion are shown in black strike-through.*

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of the revisions as presented.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Proposed revisions to Board Policy 5141.31

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

"I move that the Board of Education approve the proposed revisions to the Board Policy 5141.31 - Immunizations in first reading."

# Immunizations

BP 5141.31

**Alaska Administration Code Title 4. Education and Early Development (Refs & Annos)  
Chapter 6. Government of Schools Article 1. General Administration.**

**4 AAC 06.055. Immunizations required.**

*Note: Effective July 1, 2009, school children must be immunized against varicella.*

(a) ~~Prior to first~~ Before entry in a state public school district offering pre-elementary education through 12<sup>th</sup> grade, or any combination of these grades, a child shall be immunized against:

(1) Diphtheria, pertussis, tetanus, polio, measles, rubella, mumps, hepatitis A, hepatitis B, and varicella. Children over the age of 12 shall not be required to be immunized against rubella; and

(2) Beginning July 1, 2009 varicella.

~~Any student who does not show evidence of required immunization or who does not present a letter or affidavit from the parent/guardian or physician, physician's assistant, or advanced nurse practitioner stating reasons for exemption based on medical reasons or personal beliefs, shall be excluded from school until such time as the immunization is obtained or affidavit of exemption has been filed with the school.~~

~~Any student must present one of the following three forms of documentation:~~

(b) This section does not apply if the child:

(1) has a valid immunization certificate consisting of:

(A) a statement by a physician listing the date that each required immunization was given; or

(B) a copy of a clinic or health center record listing the date that each required immunization was given;

(2) a statement signed by a doctor of medicine (M.D.), doctor of osteopathy (D.O.), physician assistant, or advanced nurse practitioner licensed to practice in the State of Alaska, stating that immunizations would, in that individual's professional opinion, be injurious to the health of the child or members of the child's family or household; or

(3) an unexpired and notarized religious exemption if immunization conflicts with the tenets and practices of the church or religious denomination of which the parent or guardian is a member.

~~The Superintendent or designee shall exclude those students who fail to meet immunization requirements as required by law.~~

### **Provisional Admission**

~~Where regular weekly medical services are not available, the Superintendent or designee may grant provisional admission to students in exceptional circumstances for up to 90 days. **No other children will be provisionally admitted except in exceptional circumstances.**~~

~~(c) A student registering in a school in a community where regular medical services are not available on at least a weekly basis and who does not have the required immunizations, may be provisionally admitted to a pre-elementary, elementary, or secondary program for a reasonable period of time for the prevailing circumstances but not exceeding 90 days after enrollment. No children will be provisionally admitted except in exceptional circumstances. Where exceptions are granted, they shall be reported to and discussed with the epidemiology section of the division of public health, Department of Health and Social Services, who will then be responsible for determining that the required immunizations are completed during the provisional period.~~

~~(d) If a parent or guardian is unable to pay the cost of immunization, or immunization is not available in the district or community, immunization shall be provided by state or federal public health services.~~

~~(e) Immunizations shall be recorded on each pupil's permanent health record form.~~

~~(f) School districts shall initiate action to exclude from school any child to whom this section applies but who has not been immunized as required by this section.~~

~~(g) A homeless child or youth, within the meaning of 42 U.S.C. 11434a(2) (McKinney - Vento Homeless Assistance Act), revised as of October 1, 2016 and adopted by reference, who does not have a record of the required immunizations, may be provisionally enrolled in a public school program for a period of time not exceeding 30 days if a parent or legal guardian has signed a witnessed statement that the child has received the required immunizations and the child's immunization records are not immediately available.~~

~~A district shall report each provisional enrollment under this subsection to the epidemiology section of the division of public health, Department of Health and Social Services. The division of public health, with the assistance of the district's homeless liaison, will be responsible for locating the required immunization records. If the immunization records are not located during the provisional period, or the records indicate that the child has not received the required immunizations, the child must be immunized as described in (a) and (b) of this section to continue being enrolled in the public school program. The division of public health, with the assistance of the district's homeless liaison, will be responsible for ensuring that the child receives the required immunizations.~~

### **Credits**

~~(Eff. 1/13/73, Register 44; am 8/28/77, Register 63; am 12/30/2000, Register 156; am 3/22/2008, Register 185; am 10/20/2018, Register 228)~~

Authority: AS 14.07.020, AS 14.30.125

Current with amendments received through the Quarterly Supplement, October 2019 (Register 231), and additional amendments from Register 232 received through November 26, 2019.

Alaska Admin. Code tit. 4, § 06.055, 4 AK ADC 06.055

*(cf. 5112.2 - Exclusion)*

*Note: Pursuant to 4 AAC 06.055 immunizations must be provided by state or federal health services if otherwise unavailable in the district or if unaffordable.*

~~Provisional admissions shall be reported to the Department of Health and Social Services. The Superintendent or designee shall inform parents/guardians of available immunization services and state or federal assistance.~~ **The Superintendent or designee shall exclude those students who fail to meet immunization requirements as required by law.**

Legal Reference:

ALASKA STATUTES

14.30.065 *Supervision*

14.30.125 *Immunization*

ALASKA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

4 AAC 06.055 *Immunizations required*

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**Revision Date: 7/22/09**

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