



30-Day Waiver of Immunization Certificate Requirement and Immunization Exemptions

STUDENT'S NAME: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

EXPIRATION DATE: _____ GRADE: _____

The laws of Georgia (Georgia Code 20-2-771) require a Georgia Certificate of Immunization or a notarized statement that says immunizations are against the parent's religion be on file for every student. The form is provided by the Georgia Department of Human Resources – Form 3231. The notarized statement is called an "Affidavit of Religious Exemption." Students without the required Georgia Certificate of Immunization or statement cannot attend school.

However, the law provides for a waiver of this requirement for 30 calendar days which allows the parent/guardian to get a valid certificate or affidavit of religious exemption. Based upon your intention to secure the necessary **Georgia Certificate of Immunization**, your son/daughter is granted a 30-day waiver of the Immunization requirement and will be enrolled for 30 days until the date listed above.

As the parent/guardian, please contact your child's healthcare provider or the local health department in order to obtain the necessary certificate. The Fulton County Department of Health & Wellness (local health centers) has several locations for your convenience. Please make sure you take the student and any immunization records you have to the healthcare provider or health center.

If you successfully obtain the appropriate Georgia Certificate of Immunization, then the certificate should be taken to the school immediately, **but in all cases, within 30 days.**

Georgia allows for two types of exemptions from the Immunization requirements: **medical and religious.** A **medical exemption** must be marked on the Certificate of Immunization and must be reviewed by a physician once a year. This is indicated by the "Date of Expiration." If there is a **religious exemption**, the parent/guardian must give the school a signed and dated notarized statement or affidavit stating that immunizations are against their religious beliefs. The affidavit does not expire.

Unless a Georgia Certificate of Immunization or religious exemption is submitted by the date shown above, the student will be withdrawn from school until such time the required certificate is submitted to the school. (For out-of-state transfers, Georgia law provides for a possible waiver extension under strict provisions while immunizations are being received. Contact the Principal or Student Health Services at 404-305-2177 for details).

The staff of the school system regrets any inconvenience this requirement may cause. Thank you for your cooperation and compliance to this requirement.

I understand the conditions under which my child is being enrolled in school and know he/she will be withdrawn after 30 days if a Georgia Certificate of Immunization is not submitted.

Parent's/Guardian's Signature

School Official's Signature

School Name