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| <b>MARION SCHOOL DISTRICT 60-3</b>        | <b>NEPN Code: JLCB</b> |
| <b>STUDENT POLICIES &amp; REGULATIONS</b> |                        |

## **IMMUNIZATION OF STUDENTS**

Any student entering the Marion School District shall, **prior to admission**, be required to present to the school authorities, certification from a licensed physician that he or she has received, or is in the process of receiving adequate immunization for childhood diseases. The law applies to children, in early childhood programs through high school, which are entering a South Dakota school system.

The South Dakota Department of Health will determine required immunizations.

As an alternative to the required physician’s certification, the parent may present:

1. Certification from a licensed physician stating the physical condition of the child is such that a test or immunization would endanger the child’s life or health; or
2. A written statement signed by one parent or guardian that the child is adherent to a religious doctrine whose teachings are opposed to medical tests and immunization.

Failure to complete necessary immunizations will result in exclusion from school until the requirement is met.

Exclusion from school for failure to complete health requirements does not exempt a child from mandatory school attendance. Truancy procedures will be followed.

Parents shall be notified of free or reduced community immunization services.

**LEGAL REFERENCE:** SDCL: 13-28-7.1 “Immunization Requirements”

**POLICY REFERENCE:** JLC – Student Health

**FORMERLY:** S-5

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