



## ORIGINAL ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Except as noted in this section, all students entering a Florida school for the first time shall meet the requirements as enumerated below.

- I. Immunization—All students enrolled in the school district of Nassau County shall be required to present a certification of immunization for those communicable diseases for which immunization is required by section 1003.22 Florida Statutes. Before attending school, each child or adult applying for admission to pre-kindergarten through grade 12 shall have been fully immunized for poliomyelitis, diphtheria, rubeola, rubella, pertussis, mumps, and tetanus, and may be required to be immunized for such other communicable diseases as may be determined by the Department of Health. The provisions of 1003.22 F.S. shall not apply if:
  - (a) The parent of the child objects in writing that the administration of immunizing agents conflicts with his or her religious tenets or practices;
  - (b) A physician licensed under the provisions of chapter 458 or chapter 459 certifies in writing on a form approved and provided by the Department of Health, that the child should be permanently exempt from the required immunization for medical reasons stated in writing, based upon valid clinical reasoning or evidence demonstrating the need for the permanent exemption;
  - (c) A physician licensed under the provisions of chapter 458 or chapter 459, or chapter 460 certifies in writing, on a form approved and provided by the Department of Health, that the child has received as many immunizations as are medically indicated at the time and is in the process of completing necessary immunizations;
  - (d) The Department of Health determines that, according to recognized standards of medical practice, any required immunization is unnecessary or hazardous; or
  - (e) An authorized school official issues a temporary exemption, for a period not to exceed 30 school days, to permit a student who transfers into a new county to attend class until his or her records can be obtained. A homeless child, as defined in s. 1003.01, shall be given a temporary exemption for 30 school days. The public school health nurse or authorized private school official is responsible for follow up of each such student until proper documentation or immunizations are obtained.
- II. Health examination—A student initially entering pre-kindergarten through grade 12 in a Florida school shall present a certification of a school entry health examination performed within one (1) year prior to enrollment in school.
  - A. Thirty (30) school days will be allowed to present certification requirements for all students from Florida or other states.
  - B. Students whose parents do not provide the required certification in accordance with the statute shall be excluded from further attendance by the principal.
  - C. Any student may be granted an exemption from this requirement if his or her

parent or guardian objects in writing because the requirement(s) conflicts with his or her religious tenets or practices. This request for exemption must be on a form approved by the Department of Health

- III. Age requirement—Before admitting a child, the principal shall require evidence that the child meets the age requirement for compulsory attendance or for admittance to pre-kindergarten or kindergarten, as appropriate.
  - A. Evidence of date of birth may be established by the following evidence, listed in descending order of acceptability:
    1. Transcript of the child's birth record; or
    2. Transcript of Certificate of Baptism; or
    3. An insurance policy on the child's life in force for not less than two (2) years; or
    4. A bona fide contemporary Bible record of the child's birth, accompanied by an affidavit sworn to by the parent; or
    5. A passport or Certificate of Arrival in the United States showing the age of the child; or
    6. A transcript of record of age shown in the child's school record of at least 4 years prior to application, stating date of birth; or
    7. If none of these evidences can be produced, an affidavit of age sworn to by the parent, accompanied by a certificate of age signed by a public health officer or by a public school physician, or if neither of these is available in the county, by a licensed practicing physician designated by the district school board, which certificate states that the health officer or physician has examined the child and believes that the age as stated in the affidavit is substantially correct. A homeless child, as defined in s. 1003.01, shall be given temporary exemption from this requirement for 30 school days.
  - B. A student enrolled as an original entry shall present evidence of date of birth as provided in these rules or a transcript of record of age recorded on his/her school record of at least four (4) years prior to application. In addition, a report card from the school last attended is requested. The student may be temporarily assigned by the principal to the grade deemed proper until a copy of his/her official record is received or proper grade placement is determined.
  - C. A child who does not meet the Florida entrance age requirement and who enrolls in a Florida non-public school may not transfer to kindergarten in this district later during the school year.
  - D. A student previously enrolled in a public school outside the State of Florida, a private or parochial school, or enrolled in the home education program, who seeks admission to a school within the district shall only be admitted under the admission requirements as specified in the Student Progression Plan.

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