PROCESS & GUIDELINES FOR HEALTH ASSESSMENT AND IMMUNIZATIONS FOR STUDENTS

HEALTH ASSESSMENT TRANSMITTAL FORM

Consistent with the **North Carolina General Statutes Chapter 130A,** Voyager Academy will follow outlined procedures in **Article 18**, **§ 130A-440. (Applicable to children enrolling in the public schools for the first time beginning with the 2016-2017 school year) Health assessment required**, that "every parent, guardian, or standing person in loco parentis shall submit proof of a health assessment for each child in this State who is presented for admission into kindergarten or a higher grade in the public schools for the first time."

If a health assessment transmittal form is not presented on or before the child's first day of attendance, the school shall present a notice of deficiency to the parent, guardian, or person standing in loco parentis. This notice will serve as notification that the form must be submitted within 30 calendar days of the child's first day of attendance. Upon the termination of 30 calendar days, the principal shall not permit the child to attend school until 1) the required health assessment transmittal form has been signed and completed by the healthcare provider and presented to the school, OR 2) the parent, guardian, or person standing in loco parentis verifies that the child has a confirmed appointment with a healthcare provider to complete the health assessment transmittal form and will provide the completed form to the school no later than 24 hours after the appointment.

§ 130A-442. Religious exemption. If the bona fide religious beliefs of the parent, guardian or person in loco parentis of a child are contrary to the health assessment requirements contained in this Article, this Article shall not apply to the child. Upon submission of a written statement of the bona fide religious beliefs and opposition to the health assessment requirements, the child may attend kindergarten without submitting a health assessment report. (1985 (Reg. Sess., 1986), c. 1017, s. 1; 1987, c. 114, s. 2.)

Link to NC Health Assessment form:

- https://www.ncdhhs.gov/health-assessmentpdf/open

Link to North Carolina General Statutes Chapter 130A Article 18:

- https://www.ncleg.gov/enactedlegislation/statutes/pdf/byarticle/chapter_130a/article_18.pdf

IMMUNIZATIONS

Consistent with the **North Carolina General Statutes Article 6, Part 2 Sections 152-158,** Voyager Academy will follow outlined procedures in **§130A-152. Immunization required,** that "every child present in this State shall be immunized against diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, poliomyelitis, red measles (rubeola) and rubella. In addition, except as provided in subsection (f) of this section, every child present in this State shall be immunized against any other disease upon a determination by the Commission that the immunization is in the interest of the public health. Every parent, guardian, person in loco parentis and person or agency, whether governmental or private, with legal custody of a child shall have the responsibility to ensure that the child has received the required immunization at the age required by the Commission. If a child has not received the required immunizations by the specified age, the responsible person shall obtain the required immunization for the child as soon as possible after the lack of the required immunization is determined."

Information about North Carolina K-12 School Immunization Requirements

North Carolina law requires all children in the state to receive certain immunizations. Immunization records are checked when children enter school or child care.

North Carolina Vaccine-Specific Requirements

The North Carolina General Statutes (G.S. 130A-152(a)) requires immunizations for every child present in this state. Every parent, guardian or person in loco parentis is responsible for ensuring that their child(ren) receive required immunizations. If you have specific questions regarding your child, please contact your child's health care provider or your local health department. North Carolina requires the following immunizations.

For more information about required immunizations and the illnesses they prevent, please visit the NCDHHS North Carolina Immunization Branch website.

KINDERGARTEN – Vaccine requirement for Kindergarten-age children can be found below:

Vaccine	Number Doses Required Before School Entry*
Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis	5 doses
Polio	4 doses
Measles	2 doses

Mumps	2 doses
Rubella	1 dose
Haemophilus Influenzae type B (Hib)	4 doses
Hepatitis B (Hep B)	3 doses
Varicella (chickenpox)	2 doses
Pneumococcal conjugate	4 doses

7TH GRADE – Vaccine requirement for 7th grade age children can be found below:

Vaccine	Number Doses Required Before School Entry*
Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis	5 doses
Polio	4 doses
Measles	2 doses
Mumps	2 doses
Rubella	1 dose
Haemophilus Influenzae type B (Hib)	4 doses
Hepatitis B (Hep B)	3 doses
Varicella (chickenpox)	1 dose
Tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis	1 dose
Meningococcal conjugate	1 dose

12TH GRADE – Vaccine requirement for 12th grade age children can be found below:

Vaccine	Number Doses Required Before School Entry*
Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis	5 doses
Polio	4 doses
Measles	2 doses
Mumps	2 doses
Rubella	1 dose
Haemophilus Influenzae type B (Hib)	4 doses
Hepatitis B (Hep B)	3 doses
Varicella (chickenpox)	1 dose

Tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis	1 dose
Meningococcal conjugate *(Effective beginning 2020-2021 School Year)*	2 doses

Voyager Academy will follow outlined procedures in **§130A-155. Submission of certificate to child care facility, preschool and school authorities; record maintenance; reporting,** that "no child shall attend a school (pre K-12), whether public, private or religious, a child care facility as defined in G.S. 110-86(3), unless a certificate of immunization indicating that the child has received the immunizations required by G.S. 130A-152 is presented to the school or facility. The parent, guardian, or responsible person must present a certificate of immunization on the child's first day of attendance to the principal of the school, as defined in G.S. 110-86(7). If a certificate of immunization is not presented on the first day, the principal or operator shall present a notice of deficiency to the parent, guardian or responsible person. The parent, guardian or responsible person shall have 30 calendar days from the first day of attendance to obtain the required immunization for the child. If the administration of a vaccine in a series of doses given at medically approved intervals requires a period in excess of 30 calendar days, additional days upon certification by a physician may be allowed to obtain the required immunization. Upon termination of 30 calendar days or the extended period, the principal shall not permit the child to attend the school or facility until the required immunization has been obtained." Or, upon discretion of the principal, Voyager Academy will accept verification from the parent, guardian, or person standing in loco parentis that the child has a scheduled appointment with a healthcare provider to receive the missing vaccine(s) and will provide the updated proof of immunization record to the school no later than 24 hours after the appointment.

§ 130A-156. Medical exemption. The Commission for Public Health shall adopt by rule medical contraindications to immunizations required by G.S. 130A-152. If a physician licensed to practice medicine in this State certifies that a required immunization is or may be detrimental to a person's health due to the presence of one of the contraindications adopted by the Commission, the person is not required to receive the specified immunization as long as the contraindication persists.

§ 130A-157. Religious exemption. If the bona fide religious beliefs of an adult or the parent, guardian or person in loco parentis of a child are contrary to the immunization requirements contained in this Chapter, the adult or the child shall be exempt from the requirements. Upon submission of a written statement of the bona fide religious beliefs and opposition to the immunization requirements, the person may attend the college, university, school or facility without presenting a certificate of immunization.

Link to North Carolina General Statutes Chapter 130A Article 6, Part 2, sections 152-158:

- https://www.dph.ncdhhs.gov/programs/epidemiology/immunization/schools/rules-and-laws#GeneralStatutes-3057